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## BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL W. ECKER

### Deputy Commanding General - Operations

Brig. Gen. Michael W. Ecker is the deputy commanding general at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Special Operations Center of Excellence, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Brig. Gen. Ecker has over 31 years of driving success as a leader who builds and improves high-performing and effective teams in both military and corporate environments. Ecker was commissioned a second lieutenant through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of South Florida.



He started his military career as a communications-computer systems officer stationed in Germany for four years then at a tactical medical evacuation unit that supported the 82nd Airborne Division on Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

In 1999, he left active duty and began his civilian professional career as a network engineer for a banking software company. During that time, he transitioned to the Alabama Army National Guard, where he graduated from the Special Forces Officer Qualification Course on Aug. 31, 2001.

Ecker later commanded an operational detachment in 2022 for over five years. His deployments include to Afghanistan, the Dominican Republic, and Peru. He later served as an intelligence operations officer at the Defense Intelligence Agency.

He held advancing positions within 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne), including company and advanced operational base commander and battalion operations officer. He was hand-selected to stand up Special Operations Detachment X (SOD) (Airborne), the only Army National Guard unit assigned to the Joint Special Operations Command.

While at SOD-X, he served as deputy commander, commander, and in various active-duty roles within the Joint Special Operations Command, including multiple deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. He was selected to attend Resident Senior Service College, graduating from the Inter-American Defense College in June 2018. From 2018 to 2020, he was a leader in technological innovation, solving hard data problems and facilitating products and solutions for joint services.

In 2023, Michael was promoted to brigadier general and selected to serve as the director of the Military Advisory Group in Iraq, serving there for nearly a year.

He earned two master's degrees and completed several information technology certifications. He is conversationally proficient in Spanish.

Ecker is married to his wife, Traci, and they have two children, Alexis and Liam.

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