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## **COLONEL THORSTEN G. KUNZMANN**

### **Deputy Commanding Officer**

Colonel Thorsten G. Kunzmann assigned as the Deputy Commanding Officer at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School. Col Kunzmann recently served as the chief of staff German Army Special Forces, Kommando Spezialkräfte (KSK, Calw, Germany) from September 2021 to September 2023. He served as executive officer of deputy chief of staff Allied Special Operations Forces Command (former NSHQ) in SHAPE, Belgium.



Raised in Franconia, Germany, Col. Kunzmann enlisted in the Army air defense and graduated from the Army's Officer Candidate School in Dresden, in 1998. He commissioned as an Air Defense officer in 1999 and led and commanded in the 12th Air Defense Battalion.

Beginning in 2005, Col. Kunzmann led and commanded on assault troop and squadron level in German Army Special Forces, KSK and had combat assignments in Afghanistan.

Col. Kunzmann's other key assignments include deputy head SOF-cell Ministry of Defense, section head Joint Command Special Operations and deputy branch head central affairs Army Headquarters.

Col. Kunzmann is a graduate of the General Staff Course of the Joint Forces in Hamburg. He holds a Master of Mechanical Engineering from the University of the Bundeswehr in Munich and a Master of Operational Studies (SAW) from the Marine Corps University in Quantico, VA.

Col. Kunzmann is married with two sons.