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Colonel Matthew Gebhard is the Deputy of the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Special Operations Center of Excellence, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1988 and later commissioned on active duty in 1993. Past assignments include Rifle and Mortar Platoon Leader, Assistant Operations Officer, PSYOP Detachment Leader, Company and Headquarters Commander, multiple Joint Operations assignments, Group Commander, and U.S. Army War College Instructor.



Operational deployments include the United Nations Protection Force to the Republic of North Macedonia, NATO Implementation Force to Bosnia, Operation Iraqi Freedom attached to the 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, and the Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines. Other overseas experience includes an assignment in Germany and over 17 years in the Indo-Pacific theater.

Col. Gebhard is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Captain's Career Courses, PSYOP Officer Course, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. He received a Bachelor's degree from McDaniel College and Master's degrees from Duquesne University (with study in China) and the U.S. Army War College, in addition to post-graduate study in Supervision of Education and Curriculum Development at the University of Pittsburgh. Awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Action Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

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