

Career Highlights – Erik A. Nordberg

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired), US Army Special Forces (*Green Beret*)

A decorated combat veteran, Erik Nordberg spent 23 years commanding Airborne and Special Operations units in numerous conflict areas including Panama (Operation JUST CAUSE), Operations DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM, the Balkans (JOINT GUARDIAN), Iraq, and Afghanistan. Of his 23 years of service, 22 months were spent in combat or hazardous duty locations. He spent most of his career in operational positions, first as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division and then 17 years in Army Special Forces (*Green Beret*). He led countless combat, counter terror, and low-visibility intelligence collection missions in support of US interests around the world.

Erik's initial Special Forces command was in Germany, assigned to a team made up of Czech and Polish speakers with the mission to infiltrate and conduct operations in former Eastern-Block countries. After his initial assignment, Erik was selected to command a Europe-based counter-terrorism (CT) team. An assaulter, he trained with some of the world's most elite units; German GSG9, British SAS, Spanish GEO, the Israeli Defense Force (IDF), and the Norwegian FSK (five times). Erik became one of the nation's experts in counter-terror operations and was often brought in to lead and provide guidance, including serving as The White House's representative to Russia during the Moscow Theater siege in October of 2002.

On 9/11, Erik was in the Pentagon leading a national-level Red Team/vulnerability exercise when it was attacked by al Qaida terrorists. After initially conducting counter surveillance operations protecting senior members of the Government, he was quickly re-assigned to Washington to develop a global campaign targeting the al Qaida Senior Leadership (AQL). He was then assigned to the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) where he led an interagency team searching for senior terrorist operatives around the globe, resulting in the successful interdiction of several AQL individuals.

After retirement, Erik stood up a private security company in 2009, run entirely by former Army and Navy special operators. He led assessments on critical infrastructure and private US facilities. As an independent contractor and advisor, Erik continues to leverage his vast operational background and experience to ensure our special operators receive the best possible mission/technical solutions. He regularly leads Special Operations Forces above the Arctic Circle in -56 degree temperatures for advanced environmental training. He is also an adjunct professor at Penn State University, teaching courses in Terrorism and Risk Assessment/Mitigation.

Erik Nordberg's medals and honors include: the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, the joint Service Accommodation Medal, six Army Accommodation/Achievement medals, and the Airborne/Ranger/Special Forces and Combat Infantryman's Badges. His foreign awards and decorations include: the Norwegian, Greek, Israeli, and Belgian parachutist badges.

Erik received a Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. He holds bachelor's degrees in German Language and Communications from Lycoming College. Erik currently maintains a Top Secret security clearance.