Biography

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Lieutenant General John F. Mulholland, Jr. is the Deputy Commander of the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. USSOCOM ensures the readiness of joint special operations forces and, as directed, conducts operations worldwide.

Lieutenant General John F. Mulholland, Jr. was born in Clovis, New Mexico, but grew up in Bethesda, Maryland. Upon graduation from Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, in 1978, General Mulholland earned a Bachelor of Arts in History and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry, United States Army.

His first post was with the 193rd Infantry Brigade in the former Panama Canal Zone where he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Weapons Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in both 4th Battalion (Mechanized), 20th Infantry (Sykes Regulars) and A Company (Airborne), 3rd Battalion, 5th Infantry. Following completion of the Infantry Officer Advanced Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, he moved to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to attend the Special Forces Qualification Course. Upon graduation in September 1983, then-Captain Mulholland joined the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Project B-500. Since joining Special Forces, General Mulholland has commanded at the Operational Detachment Alpha, Company, Battalion/Squadron, and Group levels within Special Forces. Additionally, he served in other special operations assignments including Special Operations Command South (Panama) as well as the Operations Officer at 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta (Airborne). Then-Colonel Mulholland commanded Joint Special Operations Task Force-North (Task Force Dagger) in the opening days of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-West (Task Force Dagger) in the initial campaign of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. He subsequently served as the Chief, Office of Military Cooperation-Kuwait, as Commanding General, United States Army Special Forces Command (Airborne), as Deputy Commanding General, Joint Special Operations Command, and as Commanding General, Special Operations Command Central. General Mulholland most recently served as the Commanding General, United States Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He is currently assigned as the 15th Deputy Commander, United States Special Operations Command.

General Mulholland earned a Master of Military Art and Science in History while attending the United States Army Command and General Staff College and a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National War College. Among his many awards, General Mulholland has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit Medal.

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