

## Colonel Eric Kreitz

### Biography



“I am committed to keeping three balanced promises: Take care of myself spiritually, mentally and physically; always be available to my family; and constantly seek to help others.”

COL Kreitz is married to the former Jennifer Klauck of San Antonio, TX, serves as a Boy Scout leader for his two sons John (age 13) and William (age 10) and is a Eucharistic Minister at St. Ann Catholic Church. He is a native of Roswell, NM where he earned his Eagle Scout award. He currently serves as the Information Warfare Director at 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Command (A).

COL Kreitz was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery in May of 2001 from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, TX. His first duty assignment was the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, KY where he served with 3rd Brigade (Rakkasans) and the 101st Aviation Brigade. He deployed in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) I from 2003 to 2004 and OIF V-VII from 2005 to 2006.

After transitioning to the Psychological Operations (PSYOP) branch in 2007, COL Kreitz was assigned to the 1st Psychological Operations Battalion (POB) (A), which provides PSYOP forces to Latin America. The following year he deployed as the Military Information Support Team Leader to the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, Colombia. While there he supported OPERATION WILLING SPIRIT and OPERATION JAQUE, the latter which resulted in the rescue of 3 U.S. and 12 Colombian hostages from the Colombian Revolutionary Armed Forces (FARC). COL Kreitz then served as the Operations Officer of 6th POB (A), which provides PSYOP forces to Europe and as the Operations Officer of 7th POB (A), which provides PSYOP forces to Africa. He was the PSYOP Division Chief at Special Operations Command – South (Latin America), prior to serving as the Battalion Commander of 6th POB (A).

His executive level positions include Aide-de-Camp to the U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) Deputy Commanding General (2009) and the USASOC Commander's Initiatives Group (2014 and 2019).

His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course (2002), the Armor Captain's Career Course (2005), the Psychological Operations Officer's Course (2007), the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (2011) and the U.S. Army War College Latin American Studies Fellowship at the University of Texas at Austin (2020).

COL Kreitz' civilian education includes a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from St. Mary's University, a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati, a Master of Arts in International Studies from the University of Kansas and a Graduate Certificate in Marketing Strategy from Cornell University. His awards include the Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster. He is a native Spanish speaker and is Airborne, Air Assault, Pathfinder, Jumpmaster and U.S. Army Space Cadre qualified.