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MAJOR GENERAL JAMES B. LINDER

Commanding General

Assumed command on May 4, 2015

Maj. Gen. James B. Linder was born in South Carolina and received a Regular Army commission in the Field Artillery upon graduation from Clemson University in 1983.

He served in a variety of troop and staff assignments in the 82nd Airborne Division, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment (Airborne) and 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne). He also served in multiple positions within special operations, followed by a staff assignment in the Joint Special Operations Command. Maj. Gen. Linder commanded the Support Battalion and served as Deputy Commanding Officer, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne).

Upon completion of a Senior Service College Fellowship at the CIA, Maj. Gen. Linder commanded the Joint Special Operations Task Force–Philippines, followed by an assignment at the Joint Staff. After serving as the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Maj. Gen. Linder was the Deputy Commanding General–Special Operations Forces, NATO Training Mission–Afghanistan; with a follow-on assignment as the Deputy J3 for U.S. Africa Command. His most recent assignment was as Commander, Special Operations Command Africa, headquartered at Kelley Barracks near Stuttgart, Germany.



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