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From 2007 to 2009, he served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations, and as a member of the White House Counterterrorism Strategy Group. Dr. Sepp was responsible for the Department of Defense global counterterrorism portfolio. This included policy oversight of all special operations world-wide, and formulation of the Department's global counterterrorism strategy.



A former U.S. Army Special Forces (Green Beret) officer, he earned his Ph.D. at Harvard University, and his Combat Infantryman Badge in the Salvadoran Civil War. Dr. Sepp also graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College with a Master's degree in Military Art and Science. His unit assignments included the 82d Airborne Division, the 2d Ranger Battalion, the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Germany, and the 2d Infantry Division in Korea, among others. He also served at sea aboard the USS *Saipan* and USS *Trenton* on the staff of Amphibious Striking Group Two. During operations in Panama, he led a Special Forces team augmented with Marine riflemen from 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines. He was an assistant professor of history at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and a resident scholar at Harvard University.

He served as an analyst and strategist in Iraq and Afghanistan, and as an expert member of the Baker-Hamilton Bipartisan Commission on Iraq, a.k.a. the Iraq Study Group. For his service in Iraq and the Pentagon, he was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service, the Department of the Navy Superior Civilian Service Medal, and the Department of Defense Medal for the Global War on Terrorism.

While assigned in Iraq, Dr. Sepp wrote "Best Practices in Counterinsurgency," published in *Military Review* (May-June 2005), and reprinted in Arabic, Spanish and Portuguese. He is co-author of *Weapon of Choice: U.S. Army Special Operations in Afghanistan*, with R. Kiper, J. Schroder, and C. Briscoe (2003). He also authored chapters for *Assessment of War* (2015), *War in Iraq: Planning and Execution* (2007), *Leadership: The Warrior's Art* (2001), and the NATO report, *Counterinsurgency: The Challenge for NATO Strategy and Operations* (2010), along with other chapters, articles, essays, reviews and studies.

Dr. Sepp was named one of "The Ten Most Influential Counterinsurgency Thinkers" in the United States by *Foreign Policy* magazine (2009). His military contributions are recounted in Fred Kaplan's *The Insurgents* (2013). He has appeared on PBS *Newshour*, CNN, CNNi, BBC, MSNBC, CBS, CSPAN, National Public Radio and other national news programs. His two sons are both captains, one a Marine and the other an Army paratrooper, with service in Iraq.