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Biography of CENTCOM Commander, General (**) Michael 'Erik' Kurilla**

1988 – 2004: Served in a variety of command positions in various infantry battalions during which they participated in the Gulf War and the stabilization force in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

2004 – 2005: Commander of the First Battalion of the Infantry Regiment, Iraq.

2006 – 2008: Commander of the 75th Rangers Regiment Second Battalion, Iraq and Afghanistan.

2009 – 2011: Commander of the 75th Rangers Regiment.

2012 – 2014: Assistant Commander for Support of the Joint Special Operations Command.

2014 – 2015: Deputy Commanding General of the First Infantry Division.

2015 – 2016: Deputy Director for Special Operations and Counterterrorism of the Joint Staff.

2016 – 2018: Commanding General of the 82nd Airborne Division.

2018 – 2019: Chief of Staff of the United States Central Command (CENTCOM).

2019 – 2022: Commanding General of the XVIII Airborne Corps.

2022 – Present: CENTCOM Commander.

Education

General Kurilla has a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering from the United States Military Academy, West Point; a M.B.A. from Regis University, and a M.S. in National Security Studies from the National War College.

Personal Details

General Kurilla was injured while serving as Commander of the First Infantry battalion (2004-2005) from a car bomb and gunfire during a battle in Mosul against Al-Qaeda. General Kurilla is married and the father of two.