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Colonel (Retired) Steve Banach became the Director of the Army Management Staff College on 28 May 2019. He is a decorated combat veteran, design thinking strategist, and published author. He served with distinction in the United States Army from 1983 to 2010. This period of service included deployments to six combat zones.



He demonstrated impeccable leadership during his 27 years in the U.S. Army. Steve is a Distinguished Member of the 75th Ranger Regiment and served in that organization for nine years, culminating with command of the 3rd Ranger Battalion from 2001-2003. He led U.S. Army Rangers during a historic night combat parachute assault into Afghanistan on October 19, 2001, as the “spearhead” for the Global War on Terror for the United States of America. He subsequently led U.S. Army Rangers in a second combat parachute assault into Al Anbar Province in western Iraq in 2003.

Steve served as the 11th Director of the prestigious School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS), and led the development of the U.S. Army’s Design Methodology doctrine. He also served as the lead Designer for the DAMO-Cyber Information Warfare Design Planning Team, for the U.S. Army. As a Stryker Brigade Commander, he led the development of the Company Intelligence Support Team (COIST) tactics, techniques, and procedures, for the U.S. Army. He earned the Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal with Valor Device, Bronze Star Medal for Service, the Combat Infantryman’s Badge with two Awards, and the Master Parachutist Badge with two Bronze Combat Jump Stars. He also holds a certificate in Leadership in Crisis: Preparation and Performance, from the JFK School of Government at Harvard University.

His professional speaking engagements include programs at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the Stanford University “d-school”, the JFK School of Government at Harvard University, the Fletcher School and Institute for Global Leadership at Tufts University, Georgetown University, Wheaton College, the University of Iowa, the McCormick Foundation, the Greenleaf Global Servant Leadership Convention, the West Point Military Academy Systems Engineering Department, the United States Special Operations Command – Joint Special Operations University (JSOU); the United States Central Command, and the Canadian Forces College, and the FBI Kansas & Missouri Office. He was also an invited guest speaker at the Virginia State Legislative Leader’s Summit.