



Major General David T. Zabecki, PhD Army of the United States, Retired

Major General David T. Zabecki finished his military career as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Mobilization and Reserve Affairs for U.S. Army Europe. In 2005 and 2006 he served as the Commanding General of the U.S. Southern European Task Force Rear (Airborne), and simultaneously as the U.S. Army's Senior Mission Commander South of the Alps. During 2004 and the first half of 2005, he was the U.S. Department of Defense Executive Director for all World War II 60th Anniversary observances in Europe. In June 2004 he commanded the 3,300 soldier task force that supported the 60th Anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France. In late 2003 and early 2004 he was attached to the U.S. State Department as the Senior Military Advisor on the U.S. Coordinating and Monitoring Mission in Israel, charged with advancing the Roadmap to Peace in the Middle East initiative. He commanded the 7th Army Reserve Command in Germany from 2002 to 2003. During the first half of 2003, he was simultaneously detailed as the Director of USARUER's Deployment Operations Center, responsible for coordinating and synchronizing the movement of more than 30,000 soldiers and their equipment from Europe to the Middle East. From 2000 to 2002 he served in the Pentagon as the Deputy Chief of the U.S. Army Reserve.

General Zabecki enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1966 and served in Vietnam as an infantry rifleman in 1967 and 1968. In 1975 he received a direct commission as a Field Artillery officer. He completed the Field Artillery, Infantry, and Military Intelligence Officer Advanced Courses, the Psychological Operations Officer Course, and the Nuclear and Chemical Target Analyst Course. He also holds an Additional Skill Indicator as a 5X, Army Historian. He served in Bosnia and Croatia in 1995 and 1996. Prior to becoming 7th ARCOM Commanding General, he commanded at the Captain, Lieutenant Colonel, and Colonel levels, and also served as a Chief of Staff.

In 1988 he graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College with the General John J. Pershing Award, as the Distinguished Honor Graduate of his year group. He graduated from The U.S. Army War College in 1995, and in 2002 he completed the Executive Program for Russian and American General Officers at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

General Zabecki's civilian education includes a PhD in Military History from the Royal Military College of Science, Cranfield University, United Kingdom; a MS in Systems Management from Florida Institute of Technology; and a MA and BA (*Magna cum Laude*) in History from Xavier University. He is also a Certified Reliability Engineer and a Certified Quality Engineer.

General Zabecki has published seven books on military history topics. He also has written more than 400 articles for professional journals, magazines, and encyclopedias. He is the Editor of *Vietnam* magazine, the only periodical dedicated specifically to the history of the Vietnam War.

General Zabecki's military awards include the Combat Infantryman Badge; Distinguished Service Medal; Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters; Army General Staff Badge; and the German Army Proficiency Badge in Gold.

General Zabecki's wife, Marlies Schweigler, is a senior manager for the Sparkasse banking system. They have one son, Jonathan (age 14). General Zabecki's older son, Konrad (age 34), is a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps and has served five Global War on Terrorism deployments: Afghanistan, Iraq (three times), and the Philippines.