

**Lieutenant General P. K. (Ken) Keen**  
**Military Deputy Commander**  
**USSOUTHCOM**



Lieutenant General P. K. (Ken) Keen serves as the Military Deputy Commander of U.S. Southern Command, Miami, Florida. He is second-in-command of one of ten unified commands under the Department of Defense. Southern Command conducts military operations and promotes security cooperation throughout the 16 million square mile area of Latin America and the Caribbean.

LTG Keen is a native of Hyden, Kentucky and graduated as a distinguished military graduate from Eastern Kentucky University in December 1974.

An Infantry Officer with 18 years on airborne status, LTG Keen has commanded Light Airborne Infantry, Ranger, Special Forces, Military Group and Army Component units. His commands include a Special Forces Detachment (SCUBA) in 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group; Company and Battalion Commands in the 82nd Airborne Division; Command of 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment; Command of the 75th Ranger Regiment; Command of U.S. Military Group in Bogota, Colombia; and Command of U.S. Army South (USARSO).

LTG Keen participated in Operation JUST CAUSE as the Assistant S3 of the 75th Ranger Regiment and was Commander, Ranger Task Force during Operation DESERT STORM as part of a Joint Special Operations Command.

His experience in Latin America includes assignments as a Special Forces Officer in the Republic of Panama (1977-1980); Military Group Training Officer in Honduras (1980); Foreign Area Officer and Student at the Brazilian Command and General Staff College in Brazil (1987-88); Commander of U.S. Military Group in Colombia (2001-2003); and Commander of U.S. Army South (2005-2007).

From September 2007 to September 2009, he served as the Director of the U.S. European Command Plans and Operations Center and the EUCOM Chief of Staff.

LTG Keen's education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics; a Master of Arts in Latin American Studies from the University of Florida; the Brazilian Command and General Staff College; and the U.S. Army War College.

His awards and decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Pathfinder Badge, Combat SCUBA Diver, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge and Master Parachutist Badge.