



Colonel Michail S. Huerter
Garrison Commander, Fort Benning, Georgia

Colonel Michail S. “Gus” Huerter is a native of Topeka, Kansas. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY and was commissioned Infantry in 1990. COL Huerter has served in numerous units in the continental United States and the Republic of South Korea, including seven combat tours: Six in Iraq and a combat tour in Afghanistan. He earned a Master’s degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College in 2012.

Colonel Huerter served as an Infantry platoon leader in 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, 199th Separate Motorized Brigade in Fort Lewis WA from April 1991 to May 1992 and then led a platoon in 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Lewis, WA from May 1992 to June 1993. He later served as a company XO in 2/75th from June 1993 to January 1995. Following his promotion to Captain and attendance at Infantry Officer Advance Course, he was assigned to 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, KY where he served as an assistant operations officer and company commander from July 1995 – April 1998. Upon the completion of his tour, COL Huerter was re-assigned back to the 75th Ranger Regiment, where he served as an assistant operations officer and company commander for 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment from April 1998 until June 2001. Following completion of his Ranger Company command, COL Huerter was assigned to Eighth Army, United States Forces Korea as the Operations Officer for the United Nations Command – Joint Security Area Battalion with duty inside the demilitarized zone (DMZ) from June 2001 to June 2002. Upon completion of the United States Army Command and General Staff College in May of 2003, he was assigned to United States Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, NC where he served as a Troop Commander, Operations Officer and BN Level Commander through multiple combat tours in Iraq until May 2009. Following his command tour, COL Huerter was assigned to the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY where he served as a Regimental Tactical Officer until July 2011. Most recently he served as the Director of Operations for the NATO Special Operations Component Command-Afghanistan from June 2012 to April 2013.

Colonel Huerter's military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Infantry Officer Advance Course, the Command and General Staff College and the US Army War College.

COL Huerter's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters (OLC); Defense Meritorious Service Medal with OLC, Meritorious Service Medal with OLC; Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with OLC; Army Achievement Medal with 4 OLC; the Combat Infantrymen's Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Wings, Military Free Fall Badge, Pathfinder Badge and the Ranger Tab.