

Richard W. Strayer

Mr. Strayer currently serves as the senior Special Operations Combat Medic civilian medical instructor at the United States Army John Fitzgerald Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School. In this role, he has primary oversight for the 36 week Special Operations Combat Medic (SOCM) course which produces Special Operations medics for the United States Army and Navy. Prior to this, he served as a the senior Special Operations Combat Medic Skills Sustainment course (SOCMSSC) civilian medical instructor, Company Operations Sergeant, Company Sergeant Major, ODA Operations Sergeant, and military medical instructor. His military experience includes Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan), Operation Focus Relief (Nigeria), Operation Joint Forge (Bosnia and Herzegovnia), African Crisis Response (Uganda), Operation Uphold Democracy (Haiti), and Joint/Combined Training Program (Congo, Zimbabwe, and Uganda).

Mr. Strayer received an AAS in emergency medicine from Fayetteville Technical Institute in 1986 and a BAS in health science from Campbell University in 2007. He is certified as a paramedic by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and is a certified provider for Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and Pediatric Education for Pre-Hospital Professionals. His military education includes Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic Course, Special Forces Medical Sergeant Course, and Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat Course. Mr. Strayer is the recipient of several military awards, including the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and Army Commendation Medal, among others.