

Former Mountaineer takes command of Green Berets

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Brigadier General Ed Reeder, who played college football at Appalachian State University more than 30 years ago, has taken command of the Green Berets.

Reeder, a native of Fayetteville, NC, was appointed as commander by the United States Army at Fort Bragg (ironically, where he was born) on Wednesday. Reeder was appointed by Lt. General John Mullholand, the commanding general of U.S. Army Special Operations Command. He replaces Major General Michael S. Repass as leader of the U.S. Army Special Forces Command.

Repass held that position for two years. Reeder's father was a command sergeant major at Fort Bragg when he was growing up.

Reeder, a six-foot, 220 pound middle linebacker at Pine Forest High School, played at ASU from 1977-1982. He received a football scholarship to play for the Mountaineers. He played for the late Jim Brakefield (1977-79) and Mike Working (1980-82). He also received his commission as an Army officer through ROTC.