

SA Brig Barker recently retired after 20 years as a counterterrorism agent with the FBI. During his career he spent the majority of his time on a Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) with extensive overseas deployments. He originally spent five years working as a case agent on a JTTF where he was a SWAT operator and FBI certified sniper. Further, SA Barker was a JTTF Squad Supervisor and Counterterrorism Program Coordinator in two separate divisions. In addition, SA Barker was selected and served as the embedded Senior FBI Advisor at DOD Special Operations Command. During his career with the FBI, he conducted numerous Counterterrorism deployments throughout Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and the U.K. In 2014, he completed a deployment to Tunisia. SA Barker further deployed to Nairobi, Kenya and Kampala, Uganda in 1998 as part of the Embassy Bombings investigation, as well as to Cairo, Egypt immediately after the attacks on 9/11/2001. In 2006, SA Barker opened the Freetown, Sierra Leone LEGAT office. He further was the primary Counterterrorism Interrogation instructor for the FBI Training Division for two years during which he developed the RQRD Interrogation technique. SA Barker is an FBI trained Arabic speaker and is conversational in Farsi and German. He developed and has taught Survival Arabic for Law Enforcement for the past 10 years. He has 10+ Counterterrorism articles professionally published in Law Enforcement and DOD publications to include the primary Interrogation article for the West Point Counterterrorism textbook, *Terrorism and Political Islam*. His Masters thesis, "Decoding the Language of Jihad", a comprehensive study in Islamic statement analysis and exegesis, was published in *Middle East Quarterly*. His most recent article entitled, "ISIS: Nothing new under the sun" regarding the mindset of the ISIS fighter was published in November 2014. Prior to the FBI, SA Barker spent five years as a Ranger and Jumpmaster qualified Army officer with the majority of his time in the 82nd Airborne. He deployed as a Weapons Company Executive Officer to Northern Iraq in 1991 as part of a Low Intensity Conflict operation.