

# DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS REGIMENT



**COLONEL**  
**ALFRED H. PADDOCK, JR.**

Inducted 1998



Dr. Alfred H. Paddock, Jr., the first Honorary Colonel of the PSYOP Regiment from 1998 – 2002, was born February 11, 1937, in Moscow, Idaho, and raised in Bogalusa, Louisiana. He holds a BA degree in political science from Park College, and MA and Ph.D. degrees in history from Duke University.

Dr. Paddock completed a 31-year U.S. Army career as a colonel in October, 1988. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Special Forces Qualification Officer's Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College.

His military career included command and staff assignments in Korea, Okinawa, Laos, Vietnam, and the United States. During the 1960s he served with 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) and 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), completing three combat tours in Laos and Vietnam.

During the 1970s he was an instructor in strategic studies, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; served in the Politico-Military Division, Department of the Army Staff, Washington, DC; commanded the 6th Psychological Operations Battalion, Fort Bragg, NC; and served both as a faculty instructor for the Department of National and International Security Studies, and as a Strategic Research Analyst for the Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College.

During the 1980s he commanded the 4th Psychological Operations Group, Fort Bragg; was the Chairman, Department of National and International Security Studies, U.S. Army War College; was the military member, Secretary's Policy Planning Staff, Department of State; and was the first Director for Psychological Operations, Office of the Secretary of Defense, in over 30 years. From 1989 to 1992 he was Director, Atlanta office, of Litigation Sciences, Inc., the largest behavioral trial consulting firm in the U.S.

Dr. Paddock is the author of U.S. Army Special Warfare: Its Origins (Revised Edition), published in May 2002 by the University Press of Kansas, as well as numerous articles and book chapters on special operations topics.

Among his decorations are the Bronze Star Medal for Valor, the Defense Superior Service Medal, six awards of the Meritorious Service Award, the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service, the Air Force Commendation Award, four awards of the Air Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Expert Infantryman's Badge. He is a member of the Infantry Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame and a recipient of the Psychological Operations Association's General Richard G. Stilwell Award. He also served as president of the Washington, DC chapter of the Special Forces Association from 2004 - 2006.

Dr. Paddock is married to the former Theresa D. Jenkins of Bogalusa, Louisiana. He currently works as an independent writer specializing in the history of U.S. special operations.