

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**SERGEANT MAJOR
TYRONE J. ADDERLY**

Inducted 2 October 2008



Sergeant Major Tyrone J. Adderly retired with twenty-six years of continued dedicated service to the nation. He is a twenty-two year Special Forces veteran, serving with the 5th, 6th, and 7th Special Forces Groups (Airborne). While serving with 6th SFG(A), he volunteered for the Joint Contingency Task Force Ivory Coast. The mission, more commonly known as the Son Tay Raid, hoped to rescue American Prisoners of War located in the Son Tay prisoner of war camp deep in North Vietnam near Hanoi. For this combat action, then Sergeant First Class Adderly, a member of the Red Wine element, received the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest award for valor, from President Richard M. Nixon. In addition, he received special recognition by the ninety-first Congress, and United States Senate Resolution 486.

SGM Adderly is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeant Major Academy and has completed the following service schools and courses: Special Warfare Limited Fluency Arabic, Persian and French Languages, Airborne, Ranger, Pathfinder, Jumpmaster, Non-commission Officer Advance Course, Light and Heavy Weapons, Operations and Intelligence (SF), Intelligence Analyst, Combined Service Support Program (Classified), Survival Escape, Resistance to Enemy interrogation, Operations in Northern Areas, French-Swiss Ski School, and the TRADOC Leadership Assessment Course.

Military assignments included Iran, Turkey, Greece, Crete, Spain, Korea, Japan, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Colombia, Panama, Honduras, Dominican Republic and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. SGM Adderly performed liaison responsibilities with host nation, Iran, for 3rd battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne). He continues to serve his country through his ongoing involvement as a resistance leader in the Special Forces Unconventional Warfare training culmination exercise, ROBIN SAGE. In addition, he supports the Special Operation Forces' Naval Special Warfare Navy Seals' Level II Advanced Special Operations Techniques training exercise.

For his community service with the Fort Bragg Youth Activities he was selected as one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America," 1971 edition. For his work with juveniles in the city of El Paso, Texas, he received special recognition and the Key to the City. The prestigious Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor in 1984 inducted Adderly as a result of his service to all people regardless of race and faith.

SGM Adderly's military awards include the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star for gallantry in action, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with Second Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal-Valor Device for heroism with Second Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal 8th award, National Defense Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal-w/7 Campaign Stars, Korea Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development w/num5, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Presidential Unit Citation with Second Oak Leaf Cluster, Valorous Unit Citation with Second Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Unit Citation with Second Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm-Second Award, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Republic of Iran Master Parachutist, Republic of Vietnam Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger and Special Forces Tabs.