

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**LIEUTENANT COLONEL
CHARLES AYCOCK**

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Lieutenant Colonel Charles “Charlie” Aycock was commissioned an Infantry Officer upon graduation from the Infantry Officers Candidate School, Fort Benning Georgia, on August 15, 1966. His first duty assignment upon completion of the Special Forces Officers Course was as the Executive Officer of an A Team with the 20th Special Forces Group, North Carolina Army National Guard.

Reentering active duty in 1968, Lieutenant Colonel Aycock served an 18-month tour in the Republic of Vietnam, where he volunteered for and served in two Special Mission Units; the United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam – Studies and Observation Group – Command and Control Central (MACV-SOG-CCC) and the United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam – Combined Studies Division – Provincial Reconnaissance Unit (MACV-CSD-PRU). As a member of the MACV-SOG-CCC, Lieutenant Colonel Aycock served as a Platoon Leader in Company B, Exploitation (Hatchet) Force, and performed highly classified and covert protracted cross-border reconnaissance, interdiction, and exploitation operations deep within enemy held and contested territory. Subsequently serving with MACV-CSD-PRU, the action arm of the Phoenix Program, he performed highly classified and sensitive counter-terrorist and anti-Viet Cong Infrastructure Operations.

Following his redeployment from Vietnam, then Captain Aycock served as the Chief of the Military Free Fall Committee and later as the Deputy Division Chief, Specialized Airborne Training Division, where he co-authored and edited the Military Free Fall Student Text, the precursor to the Military Free Fall Field Manual. He later served as Commander, Operational Detachment Alfa 9, Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group, Okinawa, Japan, and as Commander, Operational Detachment Alfa 734 (Military Free Fall / Special Atomic Demolition Munition), Company C, 1st Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, a high-risk and ground breaking capability.

Transitioning to the Reserve Component, Lieutenant Colonel Aycock’s dedicated service to the Special Forces Regiment continued with his subsequent assignments as Assistant S-3, 3rd Battalion, 11th Special Forces Group, United States Army Reserves (USAR); Commander, Company C, 3rd Battalion, 11th Special Forces Group, USAR; Chief, Specialized Training Division, Special Forces School, United States Army Institute for Military Assistance, Fort Bragg; Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 12th Special Forces Group, USAR; Chief, Infantry/Special Forces Officer Management Branch, Officer Personnel Management Directorate; Plans Officer, 1st Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg; and Senior United States Army Reserve Advisor, United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Fort Bragg.

Lieutenant Colonel Aycock’s awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Special Forces Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge (Jumpmaster), the Combat Infantryman’s Badge, and the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

He continued his service to the Special Forces Regiment as a Department of the Army Special Operations Civilian for 15 years, culminating as the Chief, Theater Operations Division, Operations Directorate where he was managed operational support to include Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. Lieutenant Colonel Aycock is retired and presently lives in Holden Beach, North Carolina with his wife, Anne.