

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS REGIMENT



COLONEL JAMES A. TREADWELL

Inducted
19 November 2015



COLONEL (Retired) JAMES A. TREADWELL

Colonel Treadwell was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Infantry upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1976.

His military assignments as an Infantry officer include Platoon Leader in Company B, 3/325 Airborne Infantry Regiment and Anti-Tank Platoon Leader and Executive Officer of Company E, 325 Airborne Infantry Regiment at Ft. Bragg, NC. He commanded Combat Support Company, 1st Battalion, 54th Infantry and was the Adjutant, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division at Bamberg, FRG. His PSYOP assignments include Executive Officer, 9th Psychological Operations Battalion (Airborne), Group Operations Officer, 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne), and Action Officer in the J-33 Special Operations Division, Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He commanded the 6th Psychological Operations Battalion (Airborne) from 1993-1995. Upon completion of command, he served as the Psychological Operations Division Chief, Directorate of Training and Doctrine, United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School. After attendance at the Naval War College, Colonel Treadwell was the G3, US Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command, Commander Combined Joint Psychological Operations Task Force, SFOR, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Chief of Staff, US Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command. He commanded the 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne) from 2001-2003. Colonel Treadwell culminated his career as the first Commander of the Joint Psychological Operations Support Element at the United States Special Operations Command in Tampa, Florida. After retirement, he was a Principal at CALIBRE Systems, Inc., an employee-owned management and technology services company and was the Task Lead for the GBPS Global Media task order. This task order provided USSOCOM and its components with a strong, proven global media partner to support its mission. This highly capable and professionally qualified team of global media specialists had the capability and experience to introduce ideas effectively, to influence thinking, to change behaviors, and to shape the attitudes of Government identified and authorized Target Audiences (TA). Colonel Treadwell is now retired again, although he occasionally consults on particularly interesting influence efforts.

Colonel Treadwell is a Master Parachutist. He is a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff Officer Course and the Naval War College. He has a Masters degree in History from Rice University and in National Security and International Relations from the Naval War College.

His awards include the Expert Infantryman Badge, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. His foreign awards include the NATO Medal and the German Parachutist Badge.

Colonel Treadwell is married to the former Bess Shearer of Fayetteville, NC. They have three children, Ann Marsh, Julie and Alex.