

## DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS REGIMENT



**COL THOMAS A. TIMMES**

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COL Timmes served in the Army from 1960-1962 as an enlisted Soldier. Upon commissioning through ROTC he served as an officer from 1966 until his retirement from active duty in 1992. He served as a Psychological Operations Officer from 1979 until his retirement in 1992 as Chief, PSYOP Division in the J-3, Joint Staff. Subsequently he served as a Department of Defense Civilian in the Office, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict (SO/LIC), Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), as a GM-15. Upon his retirement from Civil Service he continued serving the PSYOP Regiment as a PSYOP analyst and Consultant until retiring from that in 2007.

From 1979 to 1981, COL Timmes was assigned to the 1st Psychological Operation (PSYOP) Bn, Fort Bragg, NC, and served as Chief, Asian Research Team, Commander, Unconventional Warfare Detachment, and Bn XO. From 1981-1987, he was assigned to the Pentagon as the Department of the Army's PSYOP Staff officer that included service in Grenada during Operation URGENT FURY in 1983. From 1987 to 1989, he commanded the 9th PSYOP Bn (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, NC, which focused on the Pacific region.

From 1989 to 1992, COL Timmes served as the Chief, PSYOP Division in the J-3, Joint Staff, Pentagon, which included Operations JUST CAUSE in Panama and DESERT STORM in the Persian Gulf. He retired from the Army as a Colonel in 1992 with over 28 years of active duty.

COL Timmes has made significant contributions to the PSYOP Regiment since retirement. In 1992, he joined the Office, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), Pentagon, as a GM-15 in the position of Assistant for PSYOP and International Public Information (IPI) policy. He was OSD's representative to the IPI Interagency Working Group, which planned and executed information campaigns in support of USG foreign policy initiatives. He served as the Interagency point of contact on matters of PSYOP and IPI policy.

His civilian performance was recognized with the "SECDEF Award for Excellence" during the 1994-5 Haiti contingency. He was further recognized with the "SECDEF Award for Excellence" in 1999 for his role in the development and promulgation of Presidential Decision Directive-68, "IPI." In March 2000, he was awarded the OSD Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service. In 1997, he was awarded the PSYOP Association's most prestigious award, the General Richard G. Stillwell Award.

COL (Ret.) Timmes' awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star for Valor with Oak Leaf cluster, the VN Cross of Gallantry with Oak Leaf clusters, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Joint Staff Identification Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge and parachutist badge.

COL (Ret.) Timmes' accomplishments and contributions to the PSYOP Regiment rank him well above his peers and constituents. In addition to his operational impact as both a serving officer and a DoD civilian, COL Timmes' was a critical role player in PSYOP achieving Regimental and Branch status in the Army.