

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 5
WILLIAM MCPHERSON**

Inducted April 2010



Chief Warrant Officer Five McPherson was raised in Boston, Massachusetts and entered the United States Army in October 1972. Upon completion of Basic and Advanced Individual training, his first assignment was with the 3rd Battalion, 325th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division in 1973. Following this initial assignment, Chief Warrant Officer Five McPherson was assigned to Natick Labs where he participated in parachute development from May 1975 to May 1977. After graduating the Special Forces Qualification Course, then Sergeant McPherson was assigned to the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in May 1977 and remained with the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) for the next 26 years.

Chief Warrant Officer Five McPherson served with ODA 325, B Company, 3rd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in numerous capacities to include as a Light and Heavy Weapons Sergeant, Operations and Intelligence Sergeant, and Operations Sergeant. In December 1986, he was appointed as a Special Forces Warrant Officer. As a Special Forces Warrant Officer he served as an Assistant Detachment Commander, Detachment Commander, and as a Company, Battalion, and Group Operations Officer (Senior Warrant Officer Advisor to the Commander). Chief Warrant Officer Five McPherson was further assigned to the Directorate of Special Operations Proponency, United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School as the Chief Warrant Officer of the 180A Branch. His final duty assignment was with the J32 Special Operations Division, United States Northern Command, where he retired on 31 October, 2008.

Chief Warrant Officer Five McPherson's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Joint Service Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal with (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Good Conduct Medal (3rd Award), the National Defense Service Ribbon (with two Service Stars), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with Arrowhead, Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 3 Campaign Stars), the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medals from the governments of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Combat Infantryman's Badge (2nd Award), the Special Forces Tab, the Master Parachutist Badge and numerous Foreign Parachutist Badges.

Chief Warrant Officer Five McPherson's advance schooling include the Infantry NCOES, the Operations and Intelligence Course, Jumpmaster, Advance Special Operations Techniques Course, The Advanced Special Operations Techniques Managers Course, Target Analysis Course, and the Warrant Officer Basic, Advanced, Staff and Senior Staff Course and he has an Associate's Degree from the University of Massachusetts.

Chief Warrant Officer Five McPherson is married, has two daughters and two grandchildren. He current resides in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and has been chosen to serve as the Honorary Warrant Officer of the Special Forces Regiment for the three year term from April 2010 to April 2013.