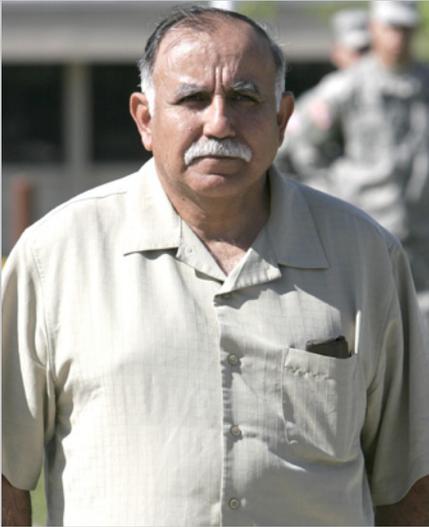


DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
HENRY RAMIREZ**

Inducted 16 April 2009



Command Sergeant Major Henry Ramirez enlisted into the United States Army in January of 1972 from the state of California. He served a total of 29 honorable years and retired from active duty on June 1, 2001.

Throughout his career, Command Sergeant Major Ramirez has enjoyed many significant accomplishments. While deployed to El Salvador with the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in 1982, he helped train and employ the first small reconnaissance unit. In 1985, he helped select and train the first combined Ecuadorian Anti-Terrorism Unit and in 1986 his detachment was selected to train the first contingent of freedom fighters in small unit tactics.

In 1993, Command Sergeant Major Ramirez deployed his company on a MEDFLAG mission to Senegal, Africa, providing over 400,000 immunizations and helping increase the life expectancy for people living in the region by 10 years. His company was credited with saving two American Peace Corps workers who were severely injured in a head-on vehicle collision. In 1995, as the Command Sergeant Major of the 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), he deployed his battalion to Bosnia-Herzegovina and oversaw the operations of 12 liaison command elements scattered across the country.

Command Sergeant Major Ramirez held many notable assignments in the Special Forces Community to include: First Sergeant, Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne); Command Sergeant Major, 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne); Commandant, Special Forces Noncommissioned Officer Academy; Command Sergeant Major, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne); and Command Sergeant Major, Special Operations Command Joint Forces Command.

Command Sergeant Major Ramirez' military schools include the Sergeants Major Academy, Operations and Intelligence Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Drill Sergeant School, Airborne School, Special Forces Qualification Course, and the Military Free-Fall Course. Command Sergeant Major Ramirez holds a Master's Degree in Business and Organizational Security Management from Webster University. He is fluent in Spanish and also speaks German.

Command Sergeant Major Ramirez's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with "V" device and one Oak Leaf Cluster, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NATO Medal, the Special Forces Tab, Combat Infantryman Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, and the Parachutist Badge from Honduras, Columbia, Educador, Greece, Malaysia and Sudan.

Command Sergeant Major Ramirez is married to the former Heidi Katzenburger of Nuremburg, Germany and has two sons and two granddaughters.