

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**MAJOR CLYDE J.
SINCERE JR.**

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Major Clyde J. Sincere Jr., a native of Wisconsin, enlisted in the U.S. Army in August 1950 at the age of 17. He attended Basic Training with the 86th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division at Fort Riley, Kansas. Maj. Sincere served 21 years in the Army, 19 of those years were in Special Forces in both enlisted and officer grades.

Among his many assignments were: original member, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 77th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina; 2nd Airborne Battle Group and 503rd Airborne Infantry, Okinawa, Japan. His tours in Vietnam include: Commander, Operational Detachment- Alpha 234, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), II Corps Tactical Zone, An Lac; Commander, II Corps Mike Force, Pleiku; 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Nha Trang; U.S. Army Special Operations Augmentation, Military Assistance Command-Vietnam Studies and Observation Group/OP35, I Corps Tactical Zone; Executive Officer, MACV-SOG. Forward Operating Base-1, Phu-Bai; Commander, MACV-SOG, Forward Operating Base-3, Mai-Loc; and Operations Officer, MACV-SOG/ OP35.

Maj. Sincere was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving conflict during the period Nov. 8-11, 1966, while serving with Co. B, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne). Engaged in search and destroy operations, he personally led his forward element to attack two anti-aircraft guns, where his men killed four insurgents, captured their weapons and 35 packs of information concerning future enemy operations. While separated from his company, it received an attack from a large Viet Cong force. He flew into the ravaged landing zone, entered the bullet swept field and reaching his own lines, he took command, distributed ammo, called in air and artillery and enabled the company to break contact with the enemy the next day. His fearless actions under intense hostile fire gave his men the leadership and inspiration to work as an effective force.

After retiring from the Army in 1971, Maj. Sincere worked for the Vinnell Corporation. He trained, advised and assisted the Saudi Arabian National Guard Modernization Program, serving in various supervisory positions, including Executive Officer of Vinnell's SANGMP Training Directorate in Riyadh. Well aware of the intricacies of the "on-the-ground" SANGMP operation, he was promoted to Vinnell's stateside offices to be the SANGMP Manager of the Direct Support Office from 1979 until his full retirement in 1996.

Maj. Sincere joined the Special Forces Decade Association (now the Special Forces Association) in 1971 and is a member of Chapter XI, where he served as the secretary from 1998 to 2004. Maj. Sincere is also a charter member of the Special Operations Association. Since its establishment, Maj. Sincere served 37 consecutive years in key leadership, advocacy and outreach positions, including national president (1982-1983) and (1997-1998). He also served as president pro-tem, and is now the President Emeritus. As Chairman of the SOA Fund Raising Committee, Maj. Sincere was responsible for donations generated by the SOA from companies and members who donate special items for the Annual Reunions and for funding of the SOA's George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Grant Program, which has awarded or committed scholarship funds to 159 deserving young scholars totaling more than \$560,500.

Additionally, Maj. Sincere is a member of the Military Officers Association, the Disabled American Veterans Association, the Uniformed Services Disabled Retirees, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the MIKE FORCE Association and the American Legion.

Maj. Sincere's awards and decorations include: the Distinguished Service Cross, two Bronze Star Medals, the Meritorious Service Medal, two Air Medals, two Purple Heart Medals, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Special Forces Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Chinese Parachutist Badge, Vietnamese Parachutist Badge and the Thai Army Special Forces Parachutist Badge.