

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS REGIMENT



**DR. (COLONEL) WARNER
J. "BUTCH" ANDERSON**

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Dr. (Col.) Warner J. "Butch" Anderson served his country as a dedicated Soldier, senior physician, leader and anthropologist with extensive experience in patient care, public health, and Civil Affairs. He is exceptionally qualified in the Civil Affairs operational environment. He earned his Special Forces Tab in 1967 and served in the 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne) until 1972, when he was discharged to attend medical school. He then joined the U.S. Army Reserve, serving in several positions of responsibility and leadership.

Dr. Anderson contributed to developing U.S. and allied troops in public health as it applied to austere and deployed environments. He deployed to Thailand, coordinating healthcare and public health activities, and left a valued footprint of goodwill with the indigenous communities. He deployed to Honduras where he coordinated emergency medical and public health activities in support of the Hurricane Mitch disaster, as his team assisted local leaders with rebuilding the local health infrastructure.

He continued to lead the public health mission of the special operations community as the top medical officer in Civil Affairs. In 2000, he became the Command Surgeon for the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne). Dr. Anderson deployed to Mongolia in 2001, developing a National Emergency Medical Technician program and emergency medical services for the nation. In January 2002, he became the Associate Dean and Deputy Commander for the Joint Special Operations Medical Training Center at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Dr. Anderson deployed to Iraq in 2003 for Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 352nd Civil Affairs Command Public Health Team. During the tour, the team was ambushed and all team members, including Dr. Anderson, were wounded by gunfire. Despite his injuries, Dr. Anderson helped neutralize the assailants and provided lifesaving medical care to the team chief who was critically wounded. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with the "V" device for his actions. He assumed leadership of the team and completed the deployment as the Command Public Health Team Chief completing numerous public health and infrastructure projects. He again deployed to Iraq in 2006 to establish an Iraqi Special Operations Medic program adopted by the Iraq Ministry of Defense and established by the Multi-National Security Transition Corps-Iraq.

In 2014, he retired from his Civil Service position as The Director of the International Health Division, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. In this position he applied all the principles of Civil Affairs Public Health at the highest strategic level in service to our national interests. He advised the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs on policy and best practices for international health, including economic development, stability operations, counterinsurgency operations and medical diplomacy.

His numerous military awards include the Legion of Merit, three Bronze Star Medals (one with "V" device for Valor), the Purple Heart and the Combat Action Badge. He was inducted into the elite Order of Military Medical Merit. He is an Army flight surgeon and one of just a few physicians who have earned a Special Forces Tab. Dr. Anderson has been an exemplary special operations Soldier and Army physician. He is a Civil Affairs Public Health leader who has made exemplary contributions to the Civil Affairs community. He left an enduring impact and played an important role in the integration of public health into Civil Affairs doctrine, as well as Civil Affairs education throughout the Department of Defense.