

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**MAJOR GENERAL
HARLEY C. DAVIS**



Maj. Gen. Harley C. Davis earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Arkansas Tech University and was commissioned a lieutenant in the Infantry through the Reserve Officer Training Corps. He holds a Master of Arts degree from Eastern Kentucky University and completed the Advanced Management Program at the University of New Hampshire. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Special Forces Qualification Course, Army Command and General Staff College and the National War College.

Maj. Gen. Davis served in a variety of command and staff assignments including the 2d Armored Division, 1st Cavalry Division, the 101st Airborne Division, and the 5th and 10th Special Forces groups. He served two tours in Vietnam. His first tour was with the 5th SF Group and the second was with the 101st Airborne Division and XXIV Corps. Other overseas tours include Korea and Belgium as well as numerous extended temporary assignments around the world.

From 1992 to 1995, Maj. Gen. Davis commanded the U.S. Army Special Forces Command (Airborne), consisting of more than 10,000 Soldiers. He supported each regional commander with active and reserve language-trained, area-oriented Special Forces personnel with demanding missions in unique locations. As the deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, from 1991 to 1992, he developed and managed an operating budget of several hundred million dollars and provided oversight of internal control systems to manage strategic resources. From 1989 to 1991, he served as assistant commandant, U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, directing the day-to-day operations of a major Army training and educational institution. He supervised the doctrinal development and presentation of 68 courses to more than 10,000 U.S. and Allied students annually. As commander, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) he was responsible for the successful move from North Carolina to Fort Campbell, Ky., as well as equipping and conducting the unit's successful desert warfare training prior to Desert Shield and Storm. Other key assignments included: chief of staff, Special Warfare Center and School; chief, Leadership Branch, Office of the Deputy of Staff of the Army for Personnel; commander, 3rd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

Davis' last assignment was to organize and establish the 5th U.S. Army's Western area; replacing the 6th U.S. Army. As the deputy commanding general, Fifth U.S. Army (West), he was responsible for the training, mobilization, readiness and deployment of Army National Guard and Army Reserve forces to Haiti and Bosnia and provided federal military support during Presidentially-declared natural disasters within the 12 western states.

Davis' awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Legion of Merit, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), Air Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), Combat Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Special Forces Tab and Ranger Tab.

Davis retired from active-duty military service Feb. 1, 1997 with more than 33 years of military service. He serves as a senior mentor for the Joint Special Operations University and is listed in Who's Who in America. Davis and his wife, Patricia, reside in Sandy Spring, Md.