

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
RONNIE A. MCCAN**

Inducted 29 January 2009



Command Sergeant Major Ronnie A McCan of Beaver, Oklahoma, was drafted into the United States Army on November 11, 1970. After seven days at the reception center, he seized the opportunity to reenlist into the Special Forces.

Command Sergeant Major McCan's distinguished career in Special Forces began when he completed the Special Forces Qualification Course in February 1972, and spanned 30 years of service.

During the tenure of his career, Command Sergeant Major McCan's assignments include Radio Operator/Supervisor, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group, Fort Devens, Massachusetts; Radio Operator/Supervisor, Company B, 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group, Bad Tolz, Germany; Senior Communications Instructor, COMMEL Committee, Camp Mackall, North Carolina; Company Operations and Sergeant Major, Company B, 1st Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group, Okinawa, Japan; University of Florida Reserve Officer Training Corps; Command Sergeant Major, 112th Special Operations Signal Battalion (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Command Sergeant Major, Support Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Command Sergeant Major, 1st Special Warfare Training Group, North Carolina; Command Sergeant Major, 1st Special Forces Group, Fort Lewis Washington; and Command Sergeant Major, United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Command Sergeant Major McCan's military education culminated with the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy (Class 35) and the United States Army Command Sergeants Major Course, and also includes Airborne and Jumpmaster Schools, Special Forces Qualification Course, Combat Diver Course, Pathfinder School, Military Free Fall and Military Free Fall Jumpmaster Courses, International Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol Course, Malaysian Combat Tracker Course, Urban Warfare Course – Berlin, French and German Mountain Schools, German Military Ski Instructor Course, and Basic German Language Course.

Command Sergeant Major McCan's awards include the Legion of Merit (with one Oak Leaf Cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), Special Forces Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Military Free Fall Badge, Combat Diver Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and the Parachutist Badges from Germany, Greece, Korea, Philippines, Thailand, and The Netherlands. Command Sergeant Major McCan has also received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service and the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service.

In retirement, Command Sergeant Major McCan has stalwartly continued his support to the Special Forces Regiment. He is currently the Lead Training Specialist Branch One, Training and Doctrine Development, Directorate of Training and Doctrine, at the United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, where he oversees the design and development of each course within the Special Forces Qualification Pipeline. Command Sergeant Major McCan also resides on the board for the "Friends of SOF" and is the President of the Special Forces Association, currently at 82 Chapters and approximately 9,000 members. He is married to the former Suksaward Sokankete of Chaing Mai, Thailand, and has two children; daughter Lanna Leigh and son Trevor Lee McCan.