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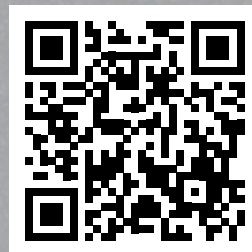
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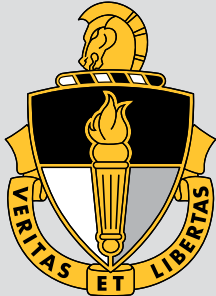
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From the
COMMANDING
GENERAL



We dedicate this issue of *Special Warfare* Magazine to our Army Special Operations Heritage; one that is deeply rooted in the history of our institutions and the legacy of the great professionals that came before us.

The Army Special Operations Heritage is a story of courage, sacrifice, and innovation. It is a story of men and women who have answered the call of duty and served our nation with distinction in some of the most challenging and dangerous environments worldwide. From the early days of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in World War II to the modern-day Aviators, Civil Affairs, Psychological Operations, Rangers, and Special Forces units, the Army Special Operations community has long been at the forefront of our nation's defense.

This issue of the *Special Warfare* Magazine provides a comprehensive overview and highlights some of the key moments and individuals that shaped the Army Special Operations Heritage. These operations include the legendary exploits of the OSS operatives behind enemy lines in Europe and Asia, the founding of the Psychological Warfare Center and School in 1952, and the irregular warfare campaigns of Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Syria.

Army Special Operations has a long history of quickly adapting to unique threats, missions, and environments to establish favorable conditions for our strategic objectives. Our scope and scale have been very flexible over the years. This trait is inherent in military operations throughout history and in the creation of SOF; adapting quickly is still relevant and necessary today and will remain paramount in our future. As history continues to prove, our people and our partners are our advantage to solving complex and evolving problems. Just as we have done in the past, this will be accomplished with and through our many partners in the allied and joint forces.

This issue of the *Special Warfare* Magazine will serve as a reminder of the proud heritage and legacy of the Army Special Operations community. It is a heritage we must honor and uphold as we continue to train and prepare the next generation of Special Operations warriors to defend our nation and our way of life.

Thank you for your service, dedication, and support to our great nation.

GUILLAUME “WILL” BEAURPERE
BRIGADIER GENERAL, U.S. ARMY
COMMANDING GENERAL

“SWCS has a rich history in legacy. Its heritage traces back to the 1950s during a time of conflict in defense of the American people and the nation. The Soldiers, civilians, and families before us paved the way to establish the foundation of the SWCS enterprise we know today. For their commitment and sacrifice, it’s imperative we continue to honor their service and legacy.”

— Brig. Gen. “Will” Beaurpere

Letter from the EDITOR

It is my great pleasure and privilege to present the Special Warfare Magazine as a digital publication in telling the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School story.

I'd like to take a moment to thank the USAJFKSWCS community for their contributions in keeping its rich legacy alive. From celebrating Heritage Week earlier this year to the reopening of the Special Warfare Museum, it is a reflection on how we are cultivating and commemorating the significant achievements made by the brave men and women before us.

As the public affairs team carefully prepared the magazine, one of the questions asked was "what will the theme be for this edition?" We knew a focus on legacy and historical milestones were critical components in laying the framework of our organization. This includes spotlighting the talented and heroic trailblazers, whose accomplishments and innovations contributed to the USAJFKSWCS we know today. It felt appropriate to align the theme with heritage.

For this year's first edition, our readers can expect to see an article highlighting TRADOC's 50th anniversary, Heritage Week, a story about the Distinguished Members of the Regiment, Voices of SWCS, Vietnam-era Medal of Honor recipients, a special note from Family Programs, and more.

If you have an opportunity and are in the area, we encourage you to visit the Special Warfare Museum at 2815 Ardennes Street at Fort Liberty, North Carolina, to explore the various exhibits and displays of conflicts and events through time.

We welcome your feedback and interest in contributing to future editions of Special Warfare Magazine. Send us a note at specialwarfare@socom.mil.

We hope you find this edition valuable and look forward to hearing from you!



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Gen. William E. DePuy, TRADOC commanding general, with Maj. Gen. Volney F. Warner, FORSCOM ADGS for operations. (Photo by Nina Borgeson)

TRADOC'S TRAINING REVOLUTION: TRADOC 50TH ANNIVERSARY

By TRADOC Military History and Heritage Office

U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's 50th anniversary was July 1, 2023. In celebration, the TRADOC Communication Directorate in collaboration with the TRADOC Military History and Heritage Office, is sharing an article series highlighting key moments in TRADOC's history to include the evolution of training, AirLand Battle, and gender integration.

Training is the cornerstone of the Army's ability to fight and win. Training develops cohesive, fit, and disciplined teams and instills how the Army expects to fight.

When the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command was established on July 1, 1973, the Army still followed the Army Training Plan (ATP), which originated in World War I. By design, TRADOC's establishment initiated fundamental reform in how the Army approached training.

While many of the changes were incremental, the combined result was a training revolution. The architects of the first phase of this revolution were Gen. William E. DePuy, the first TRADOC commander, and his Deputy Chief of Staff for Training, Maj.Gen. Paul F. Gorman.

With the establishment of the all-volunteer Army in 1973, Gen. DePuy and Maj. Gen. Gorman realized that the ATP model of training a massive pool of conscripts over an extended period was no longer effective. Additionally, the increased lethality and enhanced range of the weapons used in the 1973 Arab-Israeli War brought home to DePuy and Gorman the imperative for well-trained crews and tactical commanders.

The Systems Approach to Training (SAT) was the vehicle for change. Whereas the ATP prescribed the hours for each training task, it did not set standards of performance. The SAT required Soldiers to perform to established standards, as measured by Skill Qualification Tests. To complement the Officer Education System, DePuy and Gorman also established progressive and sequential training for the Noncommissioned Officer Education System.

TRADOC also revolutionized training in the field. In 1976, Gorman developed the concept for a National Training Center (NTC), where heavy armored and mechanized infantry units would train in live-fire exercises to support unit readiness, and doctrine and combat development. In January 1982, the NTC at Fort Irwin hosted its first force-on-force maneuvers.



Special Forces candidates assigned to the USAJFKSWCS walk through a wooded area during the final phase of field training known as Robin Sage in central North Carolina, May 27, 2023. Robin Sage is the culmination exercise for Soldiers in the Special Forces Qualification Course and has been the litmus test for Soldiers striving to earn the Green Beret for more than 50 years. (U.S. Army photo illustration by K. Kassens)

The Army judged NTC a stunning success, which led to the establishment of the Joint Readiness Training Center for the training of light forces at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, and later at Fort Johnson (formerly Fort Polk), Louisiana.

DePuy and Gorman also introduced training simulators to reduce the subjectivity of umpires and to increase realism, such as the Squad Combat Operations Exercise, Simulated SCOPES, and then advanced from telescopes to lasers with the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System.

The Simulation Network linked over 200 simulators, which allowed units to participate in simulations without leaving home station. The family of simulations allowed for training from platoon level to echelons above corps.

In May 1987, the training revolution culminated with the publication of a long-range plan: Army Training 1997. It integrated Reserve Component training into a Total Army program and knitted training and combat developments together under the Concepts-Based Requirements System.

From 1988 to 1990, TRADOC published its capstone training philosophy in a trilogy of "train, fight, lead" manuals: FM 25-100, Training the Force; FM 100-5, Operations; and FM 22-100, Military Leadership for commanders above battalion level. The publication of FM 25-101, Battle Focused Training, guided commanders at the battalion and company echelons.

TRADOC's training revolution provided tough, realistic combined arms and services training aligned with Air Land Battle doctrine for units from squad through corps levels. In concert with the Big Five weapon systems and new doctrine, TRADOC's training achievements were instrumental to victory during Operation Desert Storm.



A student in the Special Operations Combat Medic Course at the USAJFKSWCS prepares a simulated patient to be transported on an aircraft during field training at Fort Liberty, North Carolina, Feb. 23, 2023. Enlisted service members who completed the course specialize in trauma management, infectious diseases, cardiac life support and surgical procedures and qualify as highly trained combat medics with the skills necessary to provide initial medical and trauma care and to sustain a casualty for up to 72 hours. (U.S. Army photo by K. Kassens)

HERITAGE WEEK



APRIL 7-21, 2023

Fort Liberty (formally Bragg), North Carolina

Army Special Operations
Community Conducts
First-ever Heritage Week

By Maj. Rick Dickson, Director of SWCS Public Affairs

The first-ever Heritage Week connected the legacy of those that came before us with current members of this storied unit that continues to train the world's most elite special operations soldiers, and assesses and selects our future generations.

"This week, we commemorate the founding of the Special Warfare Center and School on April 10th, 1952. We celebrate the contributions of those who came before us, who established the foundations of our training programs and paved the way for future generations of ARSOF professionals. We are also honored to receive the Army Superior Unit Award for our efforts in continuing to train ARSOF professionals throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. This award is a testament to the resilience, adaptability, and dedication of our staff and students, who have remained steadfast in their commitment to serving our nation....At the heart of our tradition are the eight ARSOF attributes: adaptability, courage, creativity, perseverance, humility, integrity, loyalty, and team spirit. These attributes define who we are as ARSOF professionals and guide us in our daily operations." — Brig. Gen. "Will" Beaurpere

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HERITAGE PHYSICAL TRAINING EVENT - APRIL 17

Enabled current and former SWCS and SOF members to participate in various exercises at buildings across the SWCS campus. At each location, the biography and a brief history about the person after whom the building was named was read, followed by an exercise conducted individually. This event kicked off Heritage Week by connecting who came before us with current SWCS members through esprit de corps.

SGT. BRYANT WREATH LAYING - APRIL 18

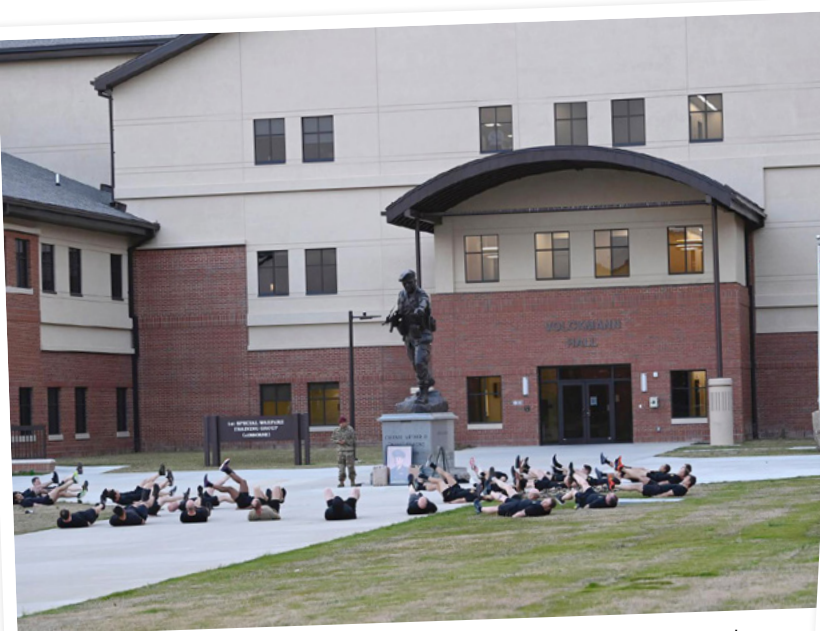
A wreath-laying ceremony was conducted at the burial site of Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. 1st Class William M. Bryant, Ret., by Brig. Gen. "Will" Beaurpere, Command Sgt. Maj. Lionel Strong, and Bryant's family, in Raleigh, North Carolina. Bryant distinguished himself on March 24, 1969, during combat operations in Long Khanh Province, Republic of Vietnam, where he was killed in action after displaying extraordinary heroism during hours of battle. The SWCS Headquarters building is named Bryant Hall in his honor.

JFK MEMORIAL CHAPEL REDEDICATION - APRIL 19

The John F. Kennedy Memorial Chapel was also re-dedicated during Heritage week, exactly 60 years after the U.S. Congress approved plans to build it. The first formal dedication came happened in December, 1965. Spiritual readiness is vital to our special operations soldiers and their families, and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Miller, SWCS, led the re-dedication that highlights the SOF truth that "humans are more important than hardware." The chapel will continue to be a symbol of spirituality and humanity in all of us.

INDUCTION CEREMONY FOR DISTINGUISHED AND HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENTS - APRIL 20

The Distinguished and Honorary Member of the Regiment induction ceremony recognized several individuals and their contributions to their individual regiment, including recent Medal of Honor recipient, Maj. (R) John J. Duffy. The Distinguished and Honorary Member of the Regiment induction ceremony is conducted semi-annually and provides an opportunity to tell



April 17 - PT Event showcasing SWCS location named after honored SWCS members.

(All photos by K. Kassens)



April 18 - Brig. Gen. "Will" Beaurpere, SWCS commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Lionel Strong, SWCS command sergeant major, lay the wreath at Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Bryant tomb with Bryant's son Greg Bryant.



April 19 - Sgt. 1st Class Amelia Alston, USAJFKSWCS, speaks at a re-dedication ceremony of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Chapel on Fort Liberty, North Carolina. The chapel was re-dedicated after a two-year renovation project.



April 20 - Induction Ceremony for Distinguished and Honorary Members of the Regiments.



"WHAT DOES THE HERITAGE OF U.S. ARMY JOHN F. KENNEDY SPECIAL WARFARE CENTER AND SCHOOL MEAN TO YOU?"

The U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School is rich in history and legacy. Members from the USAJFKSWCS community reflect on its heritage by sharing their thoughts on how SWCS legacy paved the way for today's Soldiers, families and civilians.

"SWCS heritage, to the Engineers, symbolizes the Soldier's Creed and the seven core Army Values. Soldiers, officers, and enlisted are individual warriors, as well as members of a team. Through training, testing, and perseverance, SWCS continues to grow our Army with mentally and physically agile ARSOF Soldiers that enable "Veritas et Libertas" for all Americans."



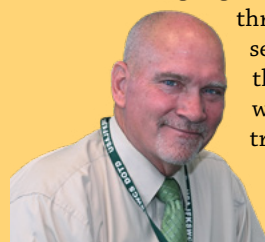
Lt. Col. Talisha Lewis on behalf of the SWCS Engineers

"SWCS history is remembering the people, places, techniques, and culture that made us who we are and led us to where we are today. We are the Special Operations Center of Excellence, and we wouldn't be who we are without learning and embracing the legends from the past."



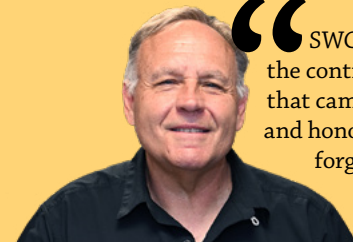
Lt. Col. William Hefron, 2nd SWTG

"Our heritage is ... those who have passed through our halls, with whom we have served, and those who have committed the ultimate sacrifice. They are those for whom we're responsible for today. The training and educating of our students into Soldiers, who will one day be among those we adorn in our heritage as we realize our responsibilities to both."



Curtis Boyd, DOTD-P Director

"SWCS heritage is acknowledging the contributions and legacy of those that came before us. Remembering and honoring the greatness that forged our foundation directly supports today's mission and years to come."



Fred Ruoff, Deputy G3

"Represents to me the history, accomplishments, and distinct capabilities necessary to create, educate, and train the workforce of one of the most specialized Army units. It's a source of inspiration, knowledge, and unity for current and future SOF Soldiers, allowing them to carry forward their educational experience and continue the legacy of operational excellence."



Master Sgt. Giltor (Gil) Carmona, Equal Opportunity Advisor

"SWCS has evolved greatly since its inception as the Psychological Warfare School over 70 years ago. Enabled by the executive sponsorship (Eisenhower) of psychological warfare, General McClure's determination to reestablish psychological and unconventional warfare doctrine and operations reflected viable weapons of modern warfare despite the conventional military. Fueled by historical events, special warfare has bloomed into SWCS."



Roxanne Merritt, Special Warfare Museum Director

"SWCS heritage reflects a commitment to excellence in training Army Special Operations Forces. It illustrates how SWCS excels in laying a foundation for ARSOF professionals to build on, preparing them to meet the challenges of the operational environment while upholding a commitment to maintain their readiness and the readiness of their families."



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Mark Miller, Command Chaplain

the stories of some of the greatest men and women, including service-members and civilians, and honor their commitment dedication, and achievements while in the Army Special Operations community. A full list of every inductee can be found at www.swcs.mil/Regimental-Honors.

"These inductees have demonstrated exceptional dedication and service to their, respective regiments, Army Special Operations, the joint force, and the, Nation. From ambassadors and senior government officials to university, professors and Medal of Honor recipients, this extraordinary group of Americans has served our nation globally in nearly every imaginable environment and in remarkably diverse ways." — Brig. Gen. "Will" Beaurpere

SPRING FORMAL - APRIL 21

Heritage Week culminated with a Spring Formal in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Brig. Gen. "Will" Beaurpere gave opening remarks on the importance of Heritage Week and the necessity to sustain the link between where we have been, where we are today, and where we are going, through legacy and lineage initiatives. "The legacy and lineage of our Special Operations Center of Excellence should be great points of pride for us - it certainly is for me. As we innovate creative ways to incorporate cyber and space-based capabilities and maximize our advantages in employing artificial intelligence, machine learning, and robotics and unmanned systems to overcome our challenges in an uncertain future, we must understand and appreciate how those who came before us dealt with the impacts of new technologies and achieved success against similar challenges."



SWCS was awarded the U.S. Army Superior Unit award during the Spring Formal, April 23. (From left to right) Brig. Gen. "Will" Beaurpere, SWCS commanding general, Maj. Gen. Patrick Roberson, USASOC deputy commanding general, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Fancher, previous SWCS command sergeant major, and Command Sgt. Maj. Lionel Strong, SWCS command sergeant major, gather for a photo receiving the award. (Photo provided by U.S. Army)

After the opening remark U.S. John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School received the U.S. Army Superior Unit award for the continuation of training during the COVID-19 pandemic, highlighting the ability of the unit to overcome any obstacle.

Our legacy and lineage is what propels SWCS into the future. Looking back allows us to continue forward on a path consistently producing the best special operations forces in the world. This was the first Heritage Week, but it will not be the last. We look forward to continuing this new tradition in the years to come.

Evolution of USAJFKSWCS

1950 - U.S. Army developed the Psychological Warfare (PSYWAR) Division of the Army General School, Fort Riley, Kansas

April 1952 - PSYWAR training activities were transferred to Smoke Bomb Hill, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as the U.S. Army PSYWAR Center and School

1956 - renamed the U.S. Army Center for Special Warfare and the Special Warfare School. Responsible for the development of the doctrine, techniques, training and education of Special Forces and Psychological Operations personnel

1960 - School's responsibilities expanded with the Military Assistance Training Advisor course and counterinsurgency operations, and unconventional warfare under the auspices of the School of International Studies

1962 - U.S. Army Center for Special Warfare formed the 1st Special Forces Training Group (Airborne) out of the Special Forces operational groups to perform Special Forces training

1963 - John F. Kennedy was added to the Center's name after President Kennedy's assassination in tribute to his executive sponsorship of Special Forces and principles of low intensity conflict

1959-1969 - Special Forces fielded six active groups, one training group, two reserve groups and two National Guard groups

May 16, 1969 - renamed the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Center for Military Assistance and U.S. Army Institute of Military Assistance

1970 - All Special Forces training fell under a new directorate—the Special Forces Schools—under the U.S. Army Special Warfare School

April 1, 1972 - Civil Affairs School, unlinked from the Provost Marshall branch, moved from Fort Gordon, GA to US Army Institute of Military Assistance (IMA), Fort Bragg, North Carolina

1973 - IMA was assigned to the new U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, or TRADOC

June 1, 1982 - Chief of Staff of the Army approved the separation of the U.S. Army JFK Center for Military Assistance and U.S. Army Institute of Military Assistance (CMA/IMA) as two independent entities

1986 - Special Forces was designated a branch

1989 - SWCS was restructured with a training group and three training battalions with one support battalion

June 20, 1990 - overall responsibility for USAJFKSWCS was reassigned from TRADOC to the U.S. Army Special Operations Command

1995 - Special Operations Medical Training Battalion was activated

2006 - Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations was designated a branch

2012 - SWCS was named the U.S. Army's Special Operations Center of Excellence

2019 - 2nd Special Warfare Training Group (A) was activated

U.S. Army's John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center & School Inducts

DISTINGUISHED & HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENTS

as part of Heritage Week

Brigadier General Guillaume "Will" Beaurpere, commander, U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (USAJFKSWCS), speaks during a Distinguished Members of the Regiments Induction Ceremony. (Photo by K. Kassens)



By Rachael Riley, The Fayetteville Observer

Thirteen veterans and civilians were named as distinguished and honorary members Thursday to the regiments of the Special Forces, Psychological Operations and Civil Affairs community.

The inductees were honored during a ceremony that coincides with the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School's Heritage Week to celebrate decades of training and education in Army special operation forces.

The first-ever Heritage Week marks the 71st anniversary of the Army Special Forces school and center and coincides with the



Piper Doug Elwell, Honorary Member of the Psychological Operations Regiment, plays a bagpipe leading this year's inductees into the John F. Kennedy auditorium. (Photo by K. Kassens)

50th anniversary of the establishment of Army Training and Doctrine Command.

"Our close coordinating relationship with TRADOC is vital to ensuring Special Operations Forces remain aligned with the Army as we work to deliver the critical multi-domain capabilities for 2030," Brig. Gen. Guillaume "Will" Beaurpere, Commander, U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center School told Army Times in an email statement.

For a half-century the center and school trained generations of soldiers in irregular warfare, advanced special operations leader development and education for the total Army, Beaurpere wrote.

"We are extremely proud to be part of a TRADOC enterprise that generates the Army for the challenges of tomorrow," he said.

Among the inductees is a Medal of Honor recipient, a former acting secretary of defense and ambassadors.

Each of the inductees has contributed to the legacy and history of their respective regiments and the nation in and out of uniform, Beaurpere said.

"The stories of physical and intellectual capabilities and adaptability of our inductees remind us that once we set our minds to an objective and a mission and commit our energies, there is very little we as Americans can not accomplish," Beaurpere said.

The Regimental Honors program began in 1981, covered in updated Army Regulation 870-21 to replace the Combat Arms

Regimental System, which dated to the late 1950s, Roxanne M. Merritt, director of the JFK School's Heritage Center and museum, told Army Times in an email response.

The majority of inductees are retired. If on active duty status, they were either killed in action or died prematurely while serving. Nominations come from a variety of organizations, persons, or individual commands. Inductees are honored in the local ceremony and, in some cases, a medallion, Merritt wrote.

A short biography, photo and description of contributions outside of military service are included on the Regimental Hall of Fame in Clay Hall at the school/center and also on digital kiosks throughout the campus.

There have been more than 225 inductees to the Regimental Honors program since 1981. Inductees are honored by their respective regiments - Psychological Operations, Civil Affairs and Special Forces.

School spokesman Army Maj. Rick Dickson told Army Times that the first Heritage Week saw members of the three regiment communities across generations converge on Fort Bragg for a series of events that included a chapel rededication, physical training session, a formal dinner and the induction ceremony among other events.

"This Heritage Week is really focused on looking at the past and remembering our history as we try to move forward into the future," Dickson told Army Times in a phone interview. "American irregular warfare and unconventional warfare tactics trace back all the way to the American Revolutionary War."

As the service looks to the Special Operations Force of 2030, Dickson said that history is important.

"We're trying to take that history and lessons learn and move it into the future," Dickson said.

This article by Rachael Riley and F.T. Norton first appeared on Army Times on April 21, 2023. The Fayetteville Observer military and crime editor F.T. Norton and Army Times contributed to this report.



The 82nd Airborne Division's All American Brass Quintet plays the Army Song at the conclusion of the ceremony at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (USAJFKSWCS) at Fort Liberty, North Carolina April 20, 2023. The event was part of USAJFKSWCS' inaugural Heritage Week. (Photo by K. Kassens)



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Retired Green Beret Col. Paris Davis speaks with Brig. Gen. Will Beaurpere of the Army's John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School at an event inducting him as a distinguished member of the Special Forces Regiment at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, Va., on May 12, 2023. (Bruce Pham | Courtesy of Special Forces Association Chapter 11)



Vietnam-era Medal of Honor recipient RECEIVES SPECIAL FORCES HONOR

By Davis Winkie, Senior Reporter, Army Times

A legendary Green Beret added another honor to his distinguished resume on May 12 when he was inducted as a distinguished member of the Special Forces Regiment.

Retired Col. Paris Davis, who received the Medal of Honor last year for his actions leading a Special Forces team in 1965 during the Vietnam War, was recognized at a Special Forces Association event held at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, Virginia.

Then a captain, Davis was leading a pre-dawn raid on an enemy camp near Bong Son, on June 18 of that year when all hell broke loose. In what became a 19-hour battle, every member of his team was wounded. But Davis disobeyed an order to withdraw and leave behind some of his troops — he instead sprinted repeatedly into a flooded rice paddy, working his trigger with the pinky of a grenade-shattered hand, and rescued them one at a time.

Retired sergeant major and future CIA operator Billy Waugh, whose April New York Times obituary lauded him as “Godfather of the Green Berets,” would have been captured that day had Davis not hauled him off the battlefield on his shoulders.

Davis retired from the Army in 1985 after commanding the 10th Special Forces Group, then-headquartered at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. But he left the service without its highest award for valor, partially because the paperwork recommending the Black officer for the medal was lost at least twice.

After receiving a Silver Star for the battle, Davis always told reporters that he’d forgotten about the misplaced nomination. But his soldiers never did — they were the ones who pushed for the officer to be reconsidered for the medal in recent years.

“I only have to close my eyes to vividly recall the gallantry [of Davis],” Waugh said in a 2016 statement supporting the upgrade petition, according to the New York Times.

The final upgrade approval came around nearly two years after former acting Defense Secretary Christopher Miller wrote a 2021 opinion article in USA Today to say he feared that bureaucratic requirements could keep Davis from receiving the deserved honor. Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor on March 3 at the White House by President Joe Biden.

The Army’s John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School — commonly known as SWCS — runs the Distinguished Member of the Regiment program to recognize major achievements and contributions to the service’s special operations community by special forces, civil affairs or psychological operations troops.

The SWCS commander, Brig. Gen. Will Beaurpere, lauded Davis’ achievements in a speech marking his formal induction.

The event also honored members of Thailand’s special forces units and the Americans of the 46th Special Forces Company, where Davis served a tour, that trained them throughout the Cold War. The southeast Asian country’s ambassador to the U.S., Tanee Sangrat, was in attendance.

This article by Davis Winkie first appeared on Army Times on May 19, 2023.



Capt. Paris Davis, Vietnam, 1965. (Photo by Ron Deis)

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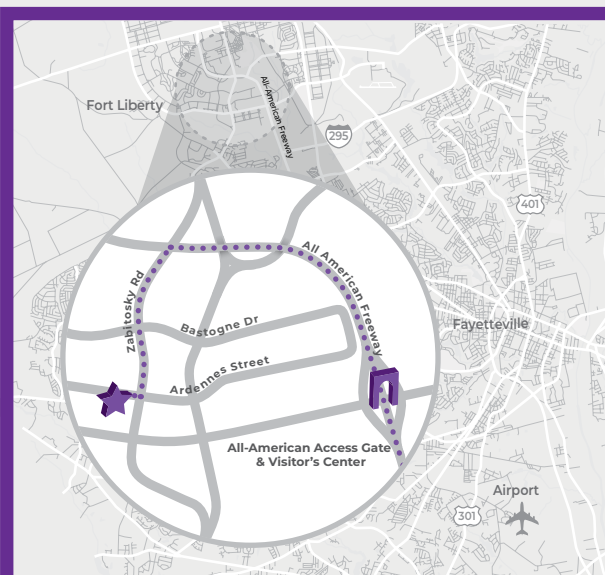
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GENERAL ARSOF HISTORY

ARSOF LINEAGE OR LEGACY

Which is the Right Word?



The USA-CANADA arrowhead patch of the World War II First Special Service Force inspired the insignia for those of both Army Special Forces and the U.S. Army Special Operations Command. (Photo courtesy of USASOC)

By Dr. Jared M. Tracy, USASOC deputy command historian

When discussing past Army Special Operations Forces (ARSOF) units and functions, words like “lineage” and “legacy” are frequently used interchangeably. Both words signify a connection between present-day units and historical predecessors that contributed to their identity, culture, and esprit de corps. But do the words “lineage” and “legacy” mean the same thing? This short article will clarify the meaning and appropriate usage of each word as they relate to historic relationships between ARSOF units.

Army Regulation (AR) 870-5: Military History: Responsibilities, Policies, and Procedures (September 2021) defines “lineage” as: “The line of descent of an MTOE [Modified Table of Organization and Equipment] unit from its origin, stated in terms of events that have changed its status.”⁰¹ Based on this regulatory definition, lineage is an official connection between specific TOE Army units, as recognized by the Department of the Army and managed by the U.S. Army Center of Military History (CMH).⁰² Therefore, as a general rule, official Army lineage does not apply to or include:

- Table of Distribution and Allowances (TDA) organizations (see “TOE and TDA Units” article)
- Non-Army organizations (such as sister services, joint commands, or other government agencies)
- Mission-specific programs, task forces, or non-units

In some cases, a unit’s lineage begins with its initial constitution and continues to the present day under the same designation. An example of this is the 4th Psychological Operations (PSYOP) Group (POG), a current unit whose lineage begins with its own constitution on 7 November 1967.⁰³ In other cases, the Army assigns a newly activated unit a lineage to a historic TOE unit based on similar functions or name. For example, when the 7th PSYOP Battalion (POB) was activated on 16 October 2011, CMH assigned it lineage to the World War II-era 3rd Mobile Radio Broadcasting Company, a tactical PSYOP unit constituted on 24 December 1943.⁰⁴



Lt. Col. Lee H. Evans (second from left), 7th POB commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Fernan Castelo (third from the left), 4th POG command sergeant major, unfurl the battalion’s colors at the October 2011 ceremony marking its activation as 4th POG Commander, Col. Reginald Bostick (left), looks on. As the streamers on the guidon in this photo show, the 7th POB assumed campaign participation credit for its WWII-era lineage unit, the 3rd Mobile Radio Broadcasting Company. The WWII uniforms of the color guard demonstrate the battalion’s commitment to its heritage. (Photo by USASOC)

When a unit is assigned lineage to a past TOE unit, it carries with it the honors and campaign credits earned by that predecessor unit. For instance, the World War II-era First Special Service Force (FSSF) is the original parent lineage unit for all Special Forces Groups (SFGs). Therefore, all SFGs now carry the campaign participation credit (CPC) of the specific FSSF element to which they are connected by lineage. For example, the 1st SFG was activated in 1957, but it assumed the lineage of 2nd Company, 1st Battalion, First Regiment, FSSF, so it is entitled to CPC for the Aleutian Islands, Naples-Foggia, Anzio, Rome-Arno, Southern France (with arrowhead), and Rhineland campaigns from World War II.⁰⁵

“Legacy” is an unofficial term which conveys a current unit’s identification with non-lineal predecessors. This can be based on similar names, functions, or a symbolic connection. Units often recognize certain organizations as part of their legacy for their real or perceived impact on their development, capabilities, identity, and/or esprit de corps. One key legacy element for modern SOF is the World War II Office of Strategic Services (OSS), a joint intelligence and unconventional



WWII OSS patch
Photo courtesy by CIA Museum

warfare service that was independent of the Army. Veterans of and lessons learned from the OSS unquestionably contributed to ARSOF training, capabilities, and culture in the post-World War II era, making the OSS an enduring part of the SOF legacy.

However, by regulation, the OSS cannot be in the official lineage of any ARSOF TOE unit because it was not an Army organization.⁰⁶

Unlike lineage, the Army does not prescribe criteria for what constitutes a legacy organization; rather, that is often decided by individual units or unit members. Units may modify their views of what (or who) their legacy is based on evolving missions, designations, or organizational structure. A unit’s lineal predecessors are always part of its legacy, but the inverse is not always true. Below is a chart depicting select U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) units, their original parent lineage units, and some non-lineage organizations which are generally considered part of their legacies. The list of legacy units is not exhaustive and remains subject to change.

⁰⁵ CMH, “1st Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment,” 19 July 2021, <https://history.army.mil/html/forcestruc/lineages/branches/sf/001stg1stf.htm>







⁰⁶ General (GEN) Bryan P. Fenton, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), recently reiterated the OSS legacy connection to modern SOF while explaining the unique skills traditionally required of special operators to accomplish a wide variety of complex missions. As the Department of Defense’s joint SOF command, USSOCOM has a strong claim to the OSS as part of its legacy. With that said, the OSS is the official lineal predecessor to the Central Intelligence Agency. Testimony of Christopher Maier, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict (ASD (SO/LIC)), and GEN Bryan P. Fenton, Commander, USSOCOM, before the House Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations, 9 March 2023, <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/875967/special-operations-24-budget-table-with-house-subcommittee>

⁰⁷ Official lineages for the 75th Ranger Regiment and its subordinate battalions are more complex than usual for Army units, as evidenced by their lineages containing multiple annexes and parent units. CMH, “75th Ranger Regiment,” 27 April 2017, <https://history.army.mil/html/forcestruc/lineages/branches/inf/0075ra.htm>



Attended by Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin, III, (left) and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General (GEN) Mark A. Milley, U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) hosts a change of command ceremony on 30 August 2022 in which GEN Richard D. Clarke (right) relinquished command to GEN Bryan P. Fenton (second from right). The legacy connection between the OSS and modern SOF is ever-present, as the USSOCOM shoulder sleeve insignia bears unmistakable resemblance to the OSS patch from WWII.

ARSOF Legacy Units

ARSOF Legacy Units							
	 SPECIAL FORCES	 PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS		 CIVIL AFFAIRS	 ARMY SPECIAL OPERATIONS AVIATION	 RANGERS	 ARSOF SUPPORT
CURRENT BRIGADE-LEVEL ARSOF UNIT	1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 10th, 19th, and 20th Special Forces Groups (SFGs), 1st Special Forces Regiment	4th POG	8th POG	95th Civil Affairs (CA) Brigade	160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR)	75th Ranger Regiment	528th Sustainment Brigade
ORIGINAL PARENT LINEAGE UNIT	First Special Service Force July 5, 1942	Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), 4th POG November 7, 1967	HHC, 8th POG May 9, 2013	95th HHD, Military Government Group August 25, 1945	160th Aviation Battalion April 1, 1982	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Ranger Battalions, 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), better known as “Merrill’s Marauders,” and 475th Infantry (Long Range Penetration, Special), various dates (WWII) ⁰⁷	528th Quartermaster Service Battalion December 4, 1942
SELECT LEGACY ORGANIZATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elements of the OSS (Detachment 101, Operational Groups, Maritime Unit, specific units or programs in the Special Operations Branch) (World War II)• Philippine Guerrilla Advisors (WWII)• Alamo Scouts (WWII)• Eighth U.S. Army Guerrilla Command (Korean War)• 8240th Army Unit (Korean War)• UN Partisan Forces, Korea (Korean War)• UN Partisan Infantry, Korea (Korean War)• Military Assistance Command, Vietnam – Studies and Observations Group (MACV-SOG) (Vietnam War)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychologic Subsection, War Department (World War I)• Propaganda Section, G-2-D, American Expeditionary Forces (WWI)• OSS Morale Operations Branch (WWII)• 23rd Headquarters Special Troops “Ghost Army” (WWII)• “Ritchie Boys” (WWII)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lewis and Clark Expedition (1804-1806)• Post-Mexican-American War Occupation• Post-Civil War Reconstruction• Army of Occupation (Post-WWI)• OSS Military Government and Civil Affairs activities (WWII)• Civil Affairs Division (WWII/Post-WWII)• European Civil Affairs Division (WWII)• Information Control Division (post-WWII)• Occupation of Germany/Japan (post-WWII)• UN Public Health and Welfare Detachment (Korean War)• UN Civil Assistance Command, Korea (Korean War)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special Wazfare Aviation Detachments (1960s)• 129th Aviation Company (Vietnam War)• 281st Assault Helicopter Company (Vietnam War)• “Guns-A Go-Go” (Vietnam War)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Church’s Rangers (Colonial Era)• Rogers’ Rangers (Colonial Era)• Francis Marion, “Swamp Fox” (Revolutionary War)• MARS Task Force (WWII)• 1st Raider Company (Korean War)• Eighth Army Rangers (Korean War)• Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol Companies (Vietnam War)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Service Battalion, First Special Service Force (WWII)



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