

Hometown Hero- National Legacy

# MG BARGEWELL

## Inaugural Weekend

★ July 11-12, 2025 ★



MAJOR GENERAL  
ELDON A. BARGEWELL

LEST WE FORGET

**Hoquiam, Washington**

**FRIDAY: Jul 11 6:00-10:00 PM Donors' Social-**  
see page 21 for details



**Saturday, 12 July 2025**

**Time: 1100-1400(11a-2p) 46.98096° N, 123.89858° W**

## **Eldon Bargewell Community Weekend**

On the triangle formed by Emerson, "N",  
& Maple Streets, Hoquiam, Washington



## **Celebration of the Legacy of MG ELDON A BARGEWELL**

DELTA PARK, 200 EMERSON AVE., HOQUIAM.

**We proudly recognize and honor the Veterans who served with Major General Eldon Bargewell**, especially those from MACV-SOG and the 2nd Ranger Battalion / 75th Ranger Regiment—

We extend our deepest respect to all who have served, in every branch, in every role, in every era. Your sacrifice and dedication continue to protect the freedoms we hold dear.

A special tribute goes to those who grew up with Eldon, who went to school alongside him, and watched him become the extraordinary leader and man he was. Your connection to his story is part of the legacy we honor today.

**Thank you for your service. We remember. We respect. We will not forget.**

**HOST: Jay Fry** - Schoolmate- Team-mate, Event Organizing Team Leader  
Opening Remarks

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS OF DISTINCTION:**

**Mrs. Marian Bargewell** – widow of MG Bargewell and daughter Audrey

**Danielle Keller** – daughter of MOH Recipient Doug Miller, USA SF

**MG (Ret.) Kenneth Bowra, USA** – Vet of MACV-SOG; former Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion /75<sup>th</sup> Regiment; CG, USASOC, Distinguished member of the Ranger Hall of Fame. Instrumental in ensuring the statue of MG Bargewell was true to form and detail.

**COL Scott White** – Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, G3, USASOC, Fort Bragg

**LTC (Ret.) Dr. Henry "Dick" Thompson, PhD** – Veteran of MACV-SOG, President and Founder of *High Performing Systems, Inc.*; Has written two books on his experiences as a team leader with MACV-SOG, "*SOG Codename Dynamite*".

**MSG (Ret.) Fred Kleibacker** – Served with 2<sup>nd</sup> LT Bargewell as an original member of the reformed 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment; later served

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in 1<sup>st</sup> SF Detachment (Airborne), Delta. Co-author "*Of Their Own Accord*", with LTG Magruder.

**Doug Godshall** – President, Special Operations Association; vet of MACV-SOG

**Don Hasse** – Board Member, Special Operations Association and veteran of MACV-SOG

**INVOCATION-** Major Patrick Cobb , Chaplain

**FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY** – Led by MAJ Patrick Cobb, with participation from the Honor Guard of the 2nd Ranger Battalion / 75th Ranger Regiment and veterans from Grays Harbor County

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**Vocalist-** Tiffany Maki *It's a Grand Old Flag*)

**HOQUIAM VFW-** Phillip Sanchez **MONTESANO VFW-** Brian Fry

**WESTPORT VFW-** Dennis Moss

**ABERDEEN VFW** -Anthony Magri/ **GH MARINE CORPS LEAGUE-** Jim Daly

**OCEAN SHORES VFW-** Jim Cummins

**QUINAUULT INDIAN NATION-** Ed DeLa Cruz

**ABERDEEN AMERICAN LEGION-** Gwyn Tarrence **MCCLEARY VFW-** Ryan Berg

**ABERDEEN 40 et 8, WESTPORT AMERICAN LEGION, ELMA VFW**

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**The National Anthem-** Vocalist-Tiffany Maki

**Speaker-** LTC (ret) Dr Henry "Dick" Thompson, PhD

**Speaker-** MG (ret) Kenneth Bowra, USA SF

**Keynote Speaker-** COL Scott White, Asst. Chief of Staff Operations, G3, USA SO

**Oath of Enlistment-** COL White, US Army Recruiting Cadre TBD and regional Future Soldiers regional Future Soldiers

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**Vocalist-**Tiffany Maki and audience sing the *Ballad of the Green Beret*

**Recessional-** 2nd Battalion/75th Ranger Regiment

**Vocalist-** Tiffany Maki, *Battle Hymn of the Republic*





Major General  
Eldon A. Bargewell



Delta Park



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# FUTURE SOLDIERS

OATH OF ENLISTMENT: 12, JULY, 2025

**CLAYTON BARNES**  
Olympia, WA

**CHANCE CALDWELL**  
Olympia, WA

**JOHN CRAMPTON**  
Tumwater, WA

**TYRELL HOVLAND**  
Ocean Shores, WA

**MATTHEW DANIELS**  
Olympia, WA

**JOSUE ROJAS HERNANDEZ**  
Olympia, WA

**EDER BATISTA DE OLIVERIA**  
Sao Palo, Brazil

**MYLES JOHNSTON**  
Chehalis, WA

**RYLAN LODGE**  
Olympia, WA

**NICHOLAS READING,**  
Shelton, WA



See more about the building of  
the park and this project at:

**EldonBargewell.org**



**E**ldon Bargewell graduated from Hoquiam High School in 1965. He joined the US Army in 1967.

During his service in Vietnam, he earned the nation's second highest medal for valor, the Army Distinguished Service Cross. When he retired in 2006, he was the most decorated active duty soldier. In 2010 he was the recipient of the Bull Simons Award, given by U.S. Special Operations Command to the person who exemplifies the esprit, values, and skills of the special operations warrior.



Artist Credit:  
David Mitchell

# FLAG RETIREMENT SPEECH

Today we are drawn here together in the sight of God to pay our last respects to this symbol of our great nation, and to retire these flags. The US Flag Code reads; "The flag, when it is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

"I am your Flag. I was born on June 14, 1777. I am more than just a piece of cloth shaped into a colorful design; I am the silent sentinel of freedom for the greatest sovereign nation on earth. I am the inspiration for which American patriots gave their lives and fortunes. I am the emblem of America.

I have led Our Troops into battle from Valley Forge to Afghanistan. I have been there through the Civil War, Two World Wars, at Gettysburg, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, and many other missions. I walk in silence with each of our Honored Dead to their final resting place beneath the silent White Crosses. I have flown through Peace and War. Through strife and Prosperity, and amidst it all, I have always been respected.

My red stripes symbolize the blood spilled in defense of this glorious nation. My white stripes symbolize the burning tears shed by Americans who lost their sons in battle. My blue field represents God & Heaven under which I fly. My stars, clustered together, unify the fifty states as one for God and Country. I am "Old Glory", and I proudly wave on high. Honor me, respect me, and defend me with your life. Never let our enemies tear me down from my lofty position. Keep alight the fires of patriotism,

Strive earnestly for the spirit of democracy and keep me always as a symbol of freedom, liberty, and peace in our country. When the time comes and I am old and faded, do not let me fly in disrepair; rather, retire me from my duties only to replace me with a new flag, so that I may continue to symbolize our country.



# ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE MG ELDON A BARGEWELL FOUNDATION

★ To be an active member you need to have donated within the previous 12 months.

David and Mary Jo Mitchell	Deb Blecha	Mark Wheeler
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( we accept donations year round) 

**MG Eldon Bargewell Memorial Fund. 100% of donations go to the Delta Park Project and are tax deductible. Thank you for your support!**

**Grays Harbor Community Foundation  
c/o MG Eldon Bargewell Memorial  
707 J Street, Hoquiam, WA 98550**

**Or online at: <https://www.gh-cf.org/online-donation/>  
Select "Eldon Bargewell Memorial Fund" in the Donations Options box.**



## Tiffany Maki

Tiffany will perform The Star-Spangled Banner, You're a Grand Old Flag, and lead a sing-along of The Ballad of the Green Beret, closing with the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

She is the Director of the Grays Harbor College Concert Band and a beloved local vocalist known for her rich, jazz-inspired style and passion for concert band music.






Special Thanks to, Robb Bates of Monster Music Production Supporting, booking, and working live music events since November 1988. Specializing in Small Town Productions!



There will be a video memory of the event for sharing with friends that couldn't be with us today, and future fans who will be able to attend vicariously through this work. Thank You Beverly Boy Productions.



## The MG Eldon A Bargewell Memorial Committee

 **JASON (JAY) FRY**, Chair  
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**SGM (RET) MIKE VINING, MILITARY LIASSON**

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# Ballad of the Green Berets

Fighting soldiers from the sky  
Fearless men who jump and die  
Men who mean just what they say  
The brave men of the Green Beret

Silver wings upon their chest  
These are men, America's best  
One hundred men will test today  
But only three win the Green Beret

Trained to live off nature's land  
Trained in combat, hand-to-hand  
Men who fight by night and day  
Courage take from the Green Berets

Silver wings upon their chest  
These are men, America's best  
One hundred men will test today  
But only three win the Green Beret

Back at home, a young wife waits  
Her Green Beret has met his fate  
He has died for those oppressed  
Leaving her his last request.

Put silver wings on my son's chest  
Make him one of America's best  
He'll be a man they'll test one day  
Have him win the Green Beret

Songwriters: Robin L Moore Jr. / Barry Allen Sadler



**MG ELDON A. BARGEWELL**, United States Army (ret), was born in Hoquiam, Washington and graduated from Hoquiam High School in 1965. During the Vietnam War Bargewell completed Special Forces training and was accepted into MACV-SOG where he served at the "Command And Control North" launch site at Da Nang and served as team leader for Reconnaissance Team "Viper" (all CCN teams were named for states or snakes). Bargewell conducted over 25 recon, direct action and team recovery missions into Laos and North Viet Nam. As a young reconnaissance sergeant leading teams across the border into North Vietnam and Laos he was fearless under the most dangerous and complex conditions. He was wounded on four separate occasions and was awarded our nation's second highest award for valor, the Distinguished Service Cross, for his gallantry in action. He was the last recipient of a DSC awarded for actions in Vietnam remaining on active duty when he retired in 2006.

After graduating with honors from Ranger School and Officer Candidate School, he was handpicked to serve as a Ranger platoon leader in B Company (Ranger) Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols (LRRPs) and then the newly activated 2nd Ranger Battalion. Major General Bargewell had an unparalleled impact on the Ranger community spanning four decades.

During his 17 years in 1st Special Forces, Operational Detachment-Delta (SFOD-D), he was instrumental in integrating companies from the Ranger Battalions in training and exercise scenarios. While in Delta Force Bargewell participated in Operation Acid Gambit in Panama.

After the Mogadishu Operation, he changed the Joint Special Operations Command exercise program and scenarios to force better integration and cooperation between the Ranger Battalions and 1st SFOD-D. The development of complimentary doctrine and tactics, techniques, and procedures during this time helped cement the concept that Special Operations Force units with different tactical focuses need to support each other directly on operations. This integration has produced tremendous results for contingency operations worldwide.

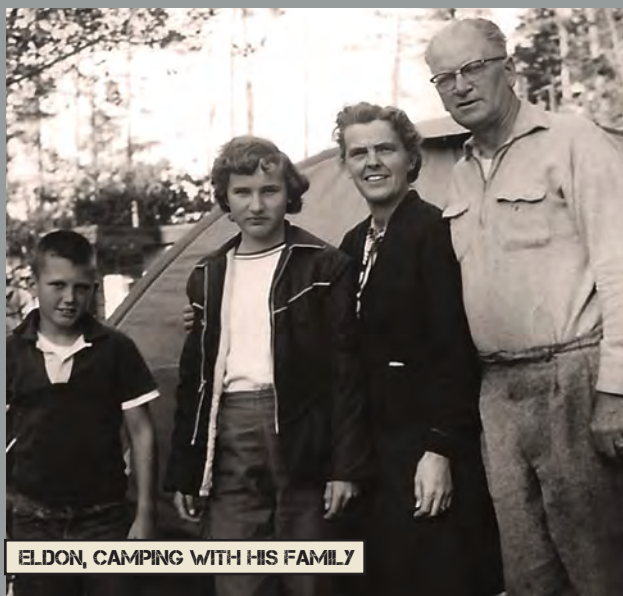
Throughout his distinguished career, Major General Bargewell was the absolute role model of authenticity, competency, and quiet professionalism for at least two generations of Rangers and special operations soldiers. His personal courage as a young Ranger NCO and over three decades as a special operations leader has brought true meaning to these words from the Ranger Creed: "Never shall I fail my comrades; gallantly will I show the world I am a specially selected and well-trained soldier; and I will never leave a fallen comrade".

He completed a Bachelor of Science degree in resource management at Troy State University.

Bargewell died 19 April 2019, in a lawnmower accident near his home in Eufaula, Ala. at the age of 71.

MG Bargewell's military decorations include: the Distinguished Service Cross, Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Army Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal (5), Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal for valor (3), Bronze Star Medal for service (3), Purple Heart (4), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal for Valor, Army Commendation Medal for service, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal w/Bronze Arrowhead, Vietnam Service Medal (7), Southwest Asia Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NATO Medal(3), NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, GWOT Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal , Presidential Unit Citation (MACV SOG-VN), Joint Meritorious Unit Citation (2), Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation, French Service Medal (Ex-Yugoslavia), Combat Infantry Badge, Master Parachutists Badge, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Military Free Fall Badge, Vietnamese HALO badge, Vietnamese, German, and Thai Parachute Badges.

MG Bargewell is also the recipient of the Colonel Aaron Bank award (2007), the Greater DC SOF Old and Bold Mountain Man award (2009), and the USSOCOM Bull Simons Award (2010). He is a member of the Infantry Officers Candidate Hall of Fame-(1997) and an enlisted Honor Graduate Ranger School (1970). Bargewell was inducted into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame in 2011. In April 2023 MG Bargewell was inducted into the Commando Hall of Fame.



**ELDON, CAMPING WITH HIS FAMILY**

Left to Right: Eldon, Sister Elouise, his mother, Audrey, his father, Art

**"We are creating Delta Park honoring Major General Eldon A. Bargewell because he is a role model for our young people," declares Fry.**

**"Not because he was a soldier but because he was a guy who did his job. We want to show how a guy from an itty bitty town in Washington can influence the world."**

~ Jason Fry, childhood neighbor and classmate, chairman of Eldon A Bargewell Memorial Committee.



Vietnam



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To LTC Eldon Bargwell  
With best wishes,

*Cap Burt*



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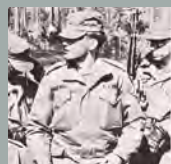
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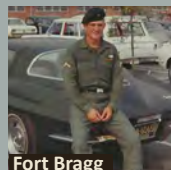
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# Proclamation from Mayor Ben Winkleman- 2025



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Phone (360)538-3965  
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Fire Dept. (360)538-3962  
625 8th St.  
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### Proclamation

#### City of Hoquiam

Declaring July 11–12 as “MG Eldon A. Bargewell Weekend”

WHEREAS, Major General Eldon A. Bargewell, a native son of Hoquiam, Washington, honorably served our nation with extraordinary courage and distinction throughout a remarkable military career spanning over four decades; and

WHEREAS, MG Bargewell enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1967, earning the Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and numerous other honors, rising through the ranks to become a key leader in the United States Special Operations community; and

WHEREAS, his lifelong commitment to service, leadership in combat and strategic roles, and unyielding dedication to the values of integrity, excellence, and sacrifice are an inspiration to citizens in Hoquiam and across the country; and

WHEREAS, MG Bargewell never forgot his roots, remaining closely connected to the Hoquiam community and continuing to mentor and support service members, veterans, and youth long after his retirement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hoquiam honors MG Bargewell’s legacy with the establishment of the MG Bargewell Delta Park and the bi-annual gathering to remember, celebrate, and educate future generations about his life and service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Benjamin Winkleman, Mayor of the City of Hoquiam, do hereby proclaim July 11–12, 2025 as:

#### MG Eldon A. Bargewell Weekend

in the City of Hoquiam, and urge all citizens to join in commemorating the life, legacy, and service of one of our hometown heroes, and to reflect on the values of honor, duty, and sacrifice that MG Bargewell exemplified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hoquiam to be affixed this 30th day of June, 2025.

Benjamin Winkleman  
Mayor, City of Hoquiam



# Dedication of Delta Park

Armed Forces Day, May 20th, 2023



The Grand Entrance



"These things we do, that others may live,"



A Grand Old Flag



Brothers of History



Amazing Photo Op in Hoquiam



We Remember



Future Soldiers taking an oath.



When Fam and Friends Come Together



Our Community Comes Together



I've got your back.



Standing tall forever in Hometown Hoquiam.



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# From Foxholes to Microphones!

## Our Very Special Guests



MG Ken Bowra in Cambodia



Col Scott White



Henry L "Dick" Thompson



MG Ken Bowra using Eldon's weapon



Guys Night Out



Group Shot



Bowra's Buddies



Col Scott White



Before the Book



Fred then



Douglas Godshall





**COL SCOTT WHITE** Colonel Scott White is a native of Fort Wright, Kentucky and a graduate of Covington Catholic High School and The Citadel. He commissioned into the Infantry and served as an Airborne Infantry Rifle Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer for 1-325 Airborne Infantry Regiment (AIR), 82nd Airborne Division. While with the 1-325 AIR, COL White deployed to Kosovo in support of Operation Joint Guardian. After leaving the 82nd ABN DIV, he attended the Armor Officer Captain Career Course and the Combined Arms and Services Staff School (CAS3). He graduated from the Special Forces Officers Qualification Course in October 2003 and assigned to 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (SFG) as the

Detachment Commander for Operational Detachment Alpha (ODA) 374. During his tenure with 3rd Bn, he deployed twice to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In February 2006, COL White was selected to command ODA 353, Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd SFG (Commander's In-Extremis Force) and served as the Troop-2 Commander while deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following his service in B/2/3 SFG (A), COL White was selected to serve as the Aide-De-Camp to the Deputy Commanding General of the United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School (USAJFKSWCS), and then attended the Naval Post-Graduate School in Monterey, CA where he received a Master's Degree in Irregular Warfare.

Following his completion of the Naval Post-Graduate School, COL White graduated from the Command and General Staff College. COL White returned to the 3rd SFG (A) to command Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd SFG (A), deploying to Afghanistan as the Advanced Operating Base (AOB) 3230 Commander, and then serving as the 2/3 SFG (A) BN Operations Officer. COL White commanded Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group from August of 2012 to March 2014. Following his tenure in Delta Company, COL White was assigned to the Special Operations Joint Task Force-Afghanistan (SOJTF-A) as the Operations Officer and Chief of Staff Advisor for the Afghan National Army Special Operations Command (ANASOC). Immediately following this deployment COL White was assigned to the United States Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) G-9 where he served as the Silent Quest Operations Officer. COL White commanded the 6th Bn, 1st Special Warfare Training Group from June 2017 to June 2019. Following Battalion Command COL White attended the US Army War College in Carlisle PA, earning a Master's of Strategic Studies in June of 2020. Upon graduation from the USAWC, COL White was assigned as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 for the United States Army Special Operations Center of Excellence from June 2020 to June 2022, followed by taking command of the 193rd IN BDE at Fort Jackson, SC until June of 2024. COL White is currently assigned as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 for the United States Army Special Operations Command. COL White is married to Amy Cobble White from Independence, Kentucky and they have four children: Jackson (20), Sophia (17), Grace (forever 7), and Charlotte (11).



## **Major General (Ret.). U.S. Army, Ken**

**Bowra**, Ken Bowra retired as a Major General in October 2003 after over thirty-three years of service in the United States Army. He is a graduate of The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina

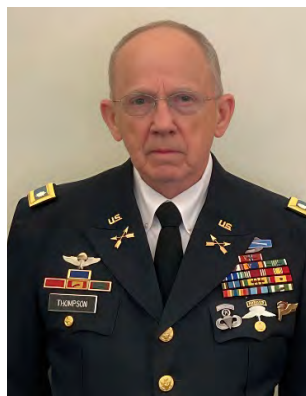
He has commanded Special Forces units at all levels including serving as a Special Forces A-Detachment Commander in the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) of a High Altitude Low Opening (HALO) and Special Atomic Demolitions Munitions (SADM) Operational Detachment, In Vietnam he served as a reconnaissance team leader in MACV-SOG conducting classified operations against North

Vietnamese units and as an advisor to Cambodian infantry and airborne units with the UITG/FANK Training Program. He was later assigned to the American Embassy, Phnom Penh, Cambodia during the period 1974 through Operation Eagle Pull, the evacuation of the American Embassy in April 1975. Other special operations assignments include Commander, Company B, 2nd Battalion (Ranger), 75th Infantry; Commander, 2nd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne); Commander, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), and service with the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC). He participated in the initial assault into Grenada (Operation Urgent Fury) in 1983 and other sensitive operations, to include operations in Somalia.

General officer assignments include Commanding General, Special Operations Command South, U.S. Southern Command; Deputy Commanding General, United States Army Special Operations Command; Commanding General, United States Army Special Forces Command; Commanding General, United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Deputy Commander, KFOR, NATO's Kosovo Force (KFOR), where he served with 39 coalition partners, and conducted operations with Russian Tactical Groups and other nations, and oversaw Kosovo's first ever municipal elections. He then served as Assistant Chief of Staff/ Operations Director, Allied Forces Northern Europe, where he led the establishment of NATO's first out of Europe mission to Afghanistan.

He was appointed as a senior Foreign Service Officer in the Department of State in February 2009 and was assigned until 15 October 2013 to the U.S. Embassy, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he served as the first Program Director of a Department of State Interagency Counter Terrorist Program, the Office of Program Management-Ministry of Interior (OPM-MOI).

He was inducted into the Special Forces Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment and was awarded the Order of Saint Maurice by the National Infantry Association and the Chief of Infantry. As an Eagle Scout and Scout leader, he has been active supporting Scouting in his assignments and was awarded the Distinguished Scouter Award and Order of the Silver Beaver. He serves as the president of the Virginia War Museum Foundation in Newport News, Virginia, and is a Trustee in the Special Operations Association Foundation.



## **LTC (Ret.) U.S. Army, Henry L. Thompson, Ph.D.,**

LTC Henry “Dick” Thompson volunteered for active duty in January 1967, beginning a distinguished 21-year military career defined by elite training, combat leadership, and contributions to modern Special Operations. He completed Basic and Advanced Individual Training, Officer Candidate School, Airborne School, and the Special Forces Officers Course. Assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), he advanced through Ranger School and volunteered for Vietnam, where he joined the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and served in MACV-SOG.

There, he conducted deep-penetration missions into North Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, the DMZ, and Thailand. In March 1969, he became Executive Officer of Recon Company at CCN, leading high-risk operations, training SOG teams, and pioneering tactics that shaped modern Special Forces and Ranger doctrine.

After Vietnam, LTC Thompson served as a Ranger Instructor at the Army Mountain Ranger Camp, spearheading HALO training, elite parachute teams, and desert warfare preparation for the 82nd Airborne Division. In 1973, he deployed to Korea to command B Company (Provisional Ranger), 1/23rd Infantry, 2nd Infantry Division—leading them to dominate competitions and earn distinction during a demonstration for President Gerald Ford.

He later served at XVIII Airborne Corps as combatives officer, overseeing unit training and coaching the Army’s full-contact PRO Karate Competition team. He commanded A Company, REPTRAIN Battalion, and evaluated Special Forces and Ranger readiness as part of the Emergency Deployment Readiness Team.

LTC Thompson earned a master’s degree at the University of Georgia and served as Executive Officer and MS III Instructor in ROTC, advising the Ranger Company, founding two new ROTC programs, and conducting research on combat stress and the future of Special Operations. He earned a Ph.D. and later, after completing the Command and General Staff College (and earning a second master’s), instructed future commanders in leadership, pre-command training, and battlefield psychology. As part of the Army’s Airland Battle 2000 team, he briefed NATO commands on future warfare. He returned to the University of Georgia in 1986 as Professor of Military Science and Battalion Commander, retiring in 1988.

His many awards include multiple Bronze Stars for Valor, Air Medals (one with “V” device), the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Meritorious Service Medals, the Combat Infantryman’s Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Free-Fall Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger Tab, Special Forces Tab, and dozens of others. In 2024, he was named a Distinguished Member of the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade.

Since 1984, LTC Thompson has led High Performing Systems, Inc., an international consulting firm. He remains active in PTSD and suicide prevention efforts and supports Gold Star Families. A lifetime member of Mensa, the Special Forces and Special Operations Associations, he has completed over 1,200 free-fall jumps, is a Master SCUBA diver, second-degree black belt, certified combatives instructor, and a 25+ time Ironman competitor.

He lives in Watkinsville, Georgia, with his wife, Grenae.



## **MSG (Ret.) Fred Kleibacker**

Fred Kleibacker (MSG, Ret.) joined the U.S. Army in September 1974. Fred was assigned to B Company, 2d Ranger Battalion in June of 1975 after completing Basic, AIT, Airborne, and Ranger School. He served three years in B Company

and then reenlisted for Special Forces. He served a combined nine years in the 10th and 7th Special Forces Groups, four years in the Army's elite Special Mission Unit at Ft. Bragg, and two years as an ROTC Cadre Instructor. Fred retired from the military in 1994. Following retirement, Fred spent eight years

as a government civilian employee before he founded a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business providing lifesaving technology to the Defense Department. and then reenlisted for Special Forces.

He served a combined nine years in the 10th and 7th Special Forces Groups, four years in the Army's elite Special Mission Unit at Ft. Bragg, and two years as an ROTC Cadre Instructor. Fred retired from the military in 1994. Following retirement, Fred spent eight years as a government civilian employee before he founded a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business providing lifesaving technology to the Defense Department.

After retiring in 2021, Fred and his wife moved to rural West Virginia to create a small homestead. He remains involved in his local community, volunteering on non-profit boards, and building a sustainable, "farm to table," enterprise.

In 2022, he accepted a volunteer board position with the Ranger Scholarship Fund. He co-founded the MG Eldon A. Bargewell Memorial Scholarship Award in honor of Bravo Company's first 3rd Platoon Leader and Army Special Operations legend. The EAB Memorial Scholarship Award is an add-on scholarship for high school students who have earned a merit-based RSF scholarship.

It is typically awarded to a child of a veteran of the 2nd Ranger Battalion. Fred's quote about his service, "I could not have accomplished what I have in my life had it not been for what I learned in B Co., especially from Eldon Bargewell about adaptability, resilience, discipline, and teamwork."

Fred's awards and decorations include: The Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (2OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal w/ Bronze Star, Ranger Tab, Special Forces Tab, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Military Free Fall Badge, Combat Diver Badge, and Pathfinder Badge.

Fred co-wrote, "Of Their Own Accord: A Company of Army Rangers Changing Lives in Changing Times: A Company of Army Rangers", with LTG (ret) Lawson M Magruder III.

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## **Douglas N. Godshall**

Mr. Godshall – Special Forces Veteran and Veterans' Advocate

Mr. Godshall is a decorated U.S. Army Special Forces veteran who served in the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1970, achieving the rank of Sergeant. As a member of the elite Green Berets, he completed advanced training and was deployed on high-risk missions throughout Southeast Asia. His valor and service in combat earned him the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Parachute Badge, Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device and oak leaf cluster.

Following his military service, Mr. Godshall has remained deeply committed to honoring and supporting veterans. He is an active member of the Special Forces Association, an associate member of the OSS Society, and has played a central leadership role in the Special Operations Association (SOA)—serving on its Board of Directors and currently holding the position of President. In this role, he works to uphold the legacy of Special Operations forces and advocate for Missing in Action (MIA) recovery efforts. He has represented the SOA as an invited guest at the Embassies of Vietnam and Laos in recognition of their independence, underscoring the association's continued commitment to reconciliation and recovery missions in Southeast Asia.

Mr. Godshall also speaks frequently on veterans' issues, and serves on the Military Veterans Committee of the Stark County Bar Association, advocating for veterans within the legal community.

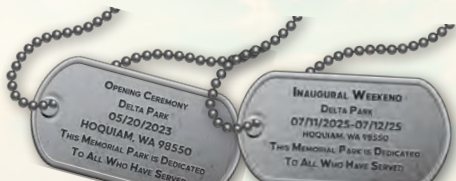
In addition to his military and veterans' advocacy work, Mr. Godshall has had a distinguished legal career spanning more than four decades. He has practiced in areas including civil litigation, medical malpractice, railroad law, and workers' compensation, and has served for over 40 years as a labor arbitrator and civil mediator in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. He has held leadership roles within the legal profession, including as President of the Akron Bar Foundation, President of the Scanlon-Bell Inn of Court, and Chair of the Committee on the Judiciary in Stark County for over 20 years. He has been recognized as a Best Lawyer in America in Commercial Litigation and as a Super Lawyer in both Civil Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Beyond his professional life, Mr. Godshall and his wife, Cathy Carter Godshall—a corporate and tax attorney with Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs—enjoy hiking and biking along the towpath trails of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. In 2006, Mr. Godshall proudly completed the Marine Corps Marathon, checking off a long-standing item on his personal bucket list. donations can also be made there.

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# MACV-SOG Units



2.7 million US soldiers served in Vietnam between 1965-1973 of that number only 1541 were part of MACV SOG

**Military Assistance Command, Vietnam – Studies and Observations Group (MACV-SOG)** was a highly classified, multi-service United States special operations unit which conducted covert unconventional warfare operations before and during the Vietnam War.

## Decorations

Established on 24 January 1964, it conducted strategic reconnaissance missions in the Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam), the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam), Laos, and Cambodia; took enemy prisoners, rescued downed pilots, conducted rescue operations to retrieve prisoners of war throughout Southeast Asia, and conducted clandestine agent team activities and psychological operations.

## Presidential Unit Citation

*Virtually every SOG member was either killed or wounded. Those who survived suffered the further indignity of having their service disavowed by the Pentagon. It was not until the 1990s, when books and Congressional testimony revealed the extent of SOG's decade of operations in Southeast Asia, that the government finally admitted to SOG's existence.*

*the VA has repeatedly denied disability compensation because they can't prove to the VA's satisfaction that they served in Vietnam.*

*And that's because MACV-SOG records are still classified. Official Military Personnel Files are incomplete, key records having been removed and kept inaccessible.*

**Fallen Through the Cracks: Vietnam MACV-SOG Veterans Fight for Care and Recognition**, written by Todd Todd DePastino

*There are 450,000 active-duty soldiers in the US Army only 3% of them are special operations qualified. Of that 3% about 2,200 of them wear the green beret of the ARMY SPECIAL FORCES, known as the "Quiet Professionals."*



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US Army SF retired

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## U.S. Army Special Operations Overview



Raising the Flag at the Delta Park Dedication- 2023

Becoming a U.S. Army Special Forces (SF) soldier, also known as a Green Beret, requires at least a year of intense training across six phases. SF teams operate in small units, specializing in counterinsurgency, unconventional warfare, direct action, and training foreign militaries. Their missions often include disrupting terrorist networks, supporting resistance movements, and operating behind enemy lines in denied areas. (Apx- 2200 soldiers in the Green Beret)

Approximately 3,500 soldiers serve in the elite Army Rangers, identified by their tan berets. The 75th Ranger Regiment is the Army's premier light infantry raid force, trained for

joint special operations and deep-strike missions. Ranger School includes three rigorous phases—BenniMountain, and Florida—and emphasizes leadership under stress. The 2nd Battalion, based at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington, is known for urban warfare, counterterrorism, and adaptability in diverse environments.

Delta Force—officially the 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta (1st SFOD-D)—is a Tier 1 unit under Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC). With about 300–400 operators and highly specialized support staff, Delta focuses on counterterrorism, hostage rescue, and high-value target missions. (Apx 2,000 soldiers in Delta Force)



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**Sculptor Rip Caswell**, was raised and educated in Grays Harbor County, Washington. When he was in the 6th grade, his family moved to Montesano, approximately 15 miles from MG Eldon Bargewell Delta Park. He graduated from Montesano High School in 1981, and in 1983 he received his Welding and Metal Fabrication Certification from Grays Harbor College.

Rip learned his artistic and taxidermy skills as a teenager Montesano. He eventually opened a side job doing taxidermy work for local duck hunters, which he discovered he was very good at it. As he progressed, his trademark became combining his contemporary sculpture skills with taxidermy. In the late 1980s he began to enter taxidermy competitions, where he earned

numerous awards, and in the 1991 National Taxidermists Association annual competition he earned the "Best of Show Award." During that time, he left the Harbor to pursue taxidermy and his passion of art as a full-time profession, eventually settling in Troutdale, Oregon.

Caswell's wildlife sculptures have earned him a reputation as one of the leading authorities in wildlife art. In 2008, a nationally televised PBS show titled "Discover the Wild" featured Rip as he created his sculptures. Producer Neil Rogers is attributed as saying that "he has never seen a sculptor in the United States that captures the emotion, spirit, and anatomy of an animal as well as Rip Caswell." As Rip's reputation grew, his life-size wildlife sculpture became centerpieces for large developments, homes, museums and major parks. His skills eventually took him to creating monumental artworks now found in public spaces, universities, commercial developments and private collections in all 50 states, as well as abroad.

Although he lives and works in the Troutdale area, Rip will tell you "I always consider Montesano my home. My roots, and the core of who I am, were formed by the Harbor."

When Rip Caswell was selected as sculptor for the MG Eldon Bargewell Memorial, he was delighted to have an opportunity to be considered for a major sculpture in what he refers to as his "hometown community."

See more of Rip's work at  
**CaswellSculpture.com.**



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