

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
TERRY L. PETERS**
U.S. Army, Retired

Inducted 2021



Command Sergeant Major Terry L. Peters entered the Army Sep 14, 1983. After completing One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Benning Ga., he was assigned to 4th Battalion 187 infantry regiment 101st Airborne Air Assault as a COHORT infantryman. Here he served in various positions of increasing responsibility including Dragon gunner, M60 Gun Team leader, Fire Team leader and Weapons Squad leader, before being reassigned to Korea in the summer of 1986.

Command Sgt. Maj. Peters, then Sgt. Peters, served from Aug 1986-Aug 1987 as the Battalion Intelligence Officer and NCOIC for the Joint Security Area (JSA). While in Korea he volunteered to attend Special Forces training and was transferred to Fort Benning in Aug. 1987.

Command Sgt. Maj. Peters attended the U.S. Army Airborne School and the Special Forces Qualification Course (SFQC) from Aug. 1987-April 1988. He graduated as a Special Forces Weapons Sergeant and was assigned to 5th Special Forces Group (SFG) Airborne (A) at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Command Sgt. Maj. Peters served as the Battalion Armorer for 2nd Battalion before being assigned to Operational Detachment Alpha (ODA) 545, where he served until Aug. 1992. During this first assignment period to the 5th SFG (A), he deployed to numerous CONUS and OCONUS missions including Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm before being reassigned to the Special Warfare Center and School (SWCS).

While assigned to SWCS, he served at Camp Mackall, N.C. as a Phase 13 instructor, Small Unit Tactics (SUT) NCOIC, and Special Forces Assessment and Selection (SFAS) First Sergeant, through June 1996, before being reassigned back to the 5th SFG(A).

Now promoted to Master Sgt., he returned to serve as the Team Sergeant of ODA 545, First Sergeant, Battalion S-3 Sgt. Maj. and Company Sgt. Maj. before departing to the Sergeant Major Course in July 2001.

Command Sgt. Maj. Peters returned to the 5th Special Forces Group in April 2002 and served as the B Company, 3rd Battalion Company Sergeant Major, where he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also served for a short period as the Group S-3 Sgt. Maj.

After being laterally appointed to Command Sergeant Major, he returned to Fort Bragg and the SWCS, where he was assigned in May 2004, as the 3rd Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. responsible for Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations training courses as well as the Special Operations Language Training program. In August 2005, he took responsibility of the 1st Battalion Command Sgt. Maj., responsible for all training conducted at Camp Mackall.

From January until July of 2007 Command Sgt. Maj. Peters served as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines, as it conducted its mission in support of Operations Enduring Freedom Philippines.

On Sept. 14, 2007, Command Sgt. Maj. Peters assumed responsibility as the 3rd Special Forces Group Command Sgt. Maj. and deployed as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan (OEF-XI and XIII) from October 2007 through May 2008, as well as Jan. 09 throughsd Aug. 2009.

After retiring in 2010, Command Sgt. Maj. Peters has served the Special Forces community in advisory roles and with the numerous charities which provide assistance to SF Veterans and their Families.

Command Sgt. Maj. Peters' awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (BSM) with 2 OLC and V device, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)with 7 OLC, Joint Service Commendation Medal (JCOM), Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM) x4, Army Achievement Medal (AAM) x4, various campaign and service awards, and multiple foreign jump wings. Additionally he has been awarded the Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Combat Diving Supervisor's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge (with Star) and Air Assault Badge.

Command Sgt. Maj. Peters is married to Catherine Blackwell and they have one son, Gabriel.