

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**MAJOR GENERAL
SALVATORE F. CAMBRIA**
U.S. Army, Retired

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Major General Salvatore “Sal” F. Cambria distinguished himself during 36 years of service to our Nation and is credited with numerous significant and lasting contributions to the Special Operations community.

Graduating as an Honor graduate from the Special Forces Qualification Course, Cambria served as Commander, Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha in 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Bad Tolz, Germany. Following this assignment, General Cambria served as an Operations Officer and Chief of Current Operations, 1st Special Operations Command (Airborne); Operations Officer in a Special Mission Unit; Commander, Support Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne); and Commander, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

Throughout Maj. Gen. Cambria’s career, he served in vitally important positions with outstanding vision and charismatic leadership, which contributed immeasurably to the utilization of special operations forces in defense of our Nation.

As the first Special Forces Officer to be selected to command in two Theater Special Operations Commands, Maj. Gen. Cambria served as Commanding General, Special Operations Command South, in Florida, and Commanding General, Special Operations Command Pacific, in Hawaii. He successfully planned, coordinated and led special operations in support of U.S. Southern Command’s objectives to deter aggression, defeat threats, rapidly respond to crises, build regional capacity, and work with our allies and partner nations.

Maj. Gen. Cambria employed Special Operations troops in support of Plan Colombia, a diplomatic initiative aimed at combating Colombian drug cartels and left-wing insurgent groups in Colombia, which was originally conceived in 1999, by the administrations of Colombian President Andrés Pastrana and U.S. President Bill Clinton. And Operation Secure Tomorrow in Haiti, designed to protect U.S. interests and implement U.S. foreign policy.

As the Commanding General, Special Operations Command Pacific, he planned and coordinated employment of special operations troops in support of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command’s objectives of enhancing stability in the Indo-Pacific region by promoting security cooperation, encouraging peaceful development and responding to contingencies. Which included the employment of a Special Operations Joint Task Force in support of Operation Enduring Freedom-Philippines, part of the Global War on Terror. Operation Enduring Freedom targeted the various Jihadist terror groups operating in the country.

Maj. Gen. Cambria culminated his long and distinguished military career as the Director of Operations and Logistics for the U.S. Africa Command, where he planned, organized and synchronized joint military combat operations in support of Operation Odyssey Dawn in Libya, to enforce United Nations Security Council Resolution 1973, which continued afterwards, under North Atlantic Treaty Organization Command as Operation Unified Protector.

He also oversaw the planning and directed the execution of a hostage rescue mission in Somalia, as well as training and security assistance activities across 54 complex and diverse African nations. Maj. Gen. Cambria’s superb abilities, broad military experience, and dynamic leadership expanded the capabilities of special operations around the globe to unsurpassed levels of excellence.