

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
RICHARD C. LAMB**
U.S. Army, Retired

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Command Sergeant Major Richard C. “Rick” Lamb enlisted the U.S. Army in 1978 and participated in Operation Eagle Claw as an Infantryman with 1st Battalion, 75th Rangers. He completed the Special Forces Qualification Course in 1986 and was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Panama, where he participated in Operation Just Cause. He had the distinction to serve again in the 75th Ranger Regiment as a Platoon Sergeant and Operations Sergeant, participating in Operation Gothic Serpent where he became a Purple Heart recipient.

He served as a Weapons Sergeant, Intelligence Sergeant, and Operations Sergeant in both the 3rd and 7th Special Forces Groups (Airborne), before becoming Company Sergeant Major in 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), in Stuttgart, Germany where he participated in Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia. His Command Sergeant Major assignments included both Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa in Djibouti, during Operation Enduring Freedom, and his final operational assignment with 1st Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Command Sgt. Maj. Lamb’s significant awards and decorations include the Silver Star for valor and heroism at the Demilitarized Zone in Korea, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal with V device, and numerous foreign badges.

He is a recipient of the U.S. Special Operations Command Bull Simons Award, the Veterans of the Office of Strategic Services Award of Excellence and is a member of the U.S. Southern Command Commando Hall of Honor and the Ranger Hall of Fame.

Command Sgt. Maj. Lamb’s service to the Regiment continued after his 2003 retirement, under the U.S. Special Operations Command Special Operations Forces for Life Program. He cross-trained as a Defense Intelligence Agency analyst, focused on the Global War on Terror, he helped establish an Inter-Agency Task Force, and integrated 24 Allied partners into a first-ever, Multinational Directorate within the U.S. Southern Command. Command Sgt. Maj. Lamb returned to Korea, as a Global Force Management technician, with the Special Operations Command Korea from 2015–2017.

He currently serves as a Military Liaison for the Global Special Operations Forces Foundation and the Round Canopy Parachuting Team; both organizations honor, advocate and assist Airborne and Special Operations Veterans, past, present, and future–worldwide.

Command Sgt. Maj. Lamb is currently serving as the Honorary Command Sergeant Major of the Special Forces Regiment. He lives in Tampa with his wife of 36 years, Heiran, and is the proud father of two grown children.