

# DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**DOCTOR (COLONEL)  
WARNER D. FARR**

Inducted May 2016



Dr. (Col.) Warner D. Farr enlisted in the Airborne Infantry on April 23, 1967, and was assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne). He volunteered for service in Vietnam, and was assigned to Military Assistance Command-Vietnam Studies & Observation Group. In 1971, he attended the Defense Language Institute then joined Detachment A, Berlin Brigade. He became an instructor at the ROTC Detachment, Northeast Louisiana University and completed his bachelor's in medical technology. As a sergeant first class, he taught the 18D course and was selected for master sergeant. He attended the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps. He was the distinguished honor graduate of his Army Flight Surgeon Course, and solo qualified in the TH-55 helicopter. He received his Doctor of Medicine in 1983 and completed residencies and board certifications in aerospace medicine, anatomic and clinical pathology.

Dr. Farr served as Commander, Company F, 3rd Battalion, Academy Brigade, Academy of Health Sciences; Course Director of the Special Operations Medical Sergeant Course and on the Infantry Team, Readiness Group at Fort Sam Houston advising the 12th Special Forces Group(A). He completed his master's of public health at the University of Texas. He then served as Chief, Army Aviator Evaluation at the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas. From 1993 to 1995, he was Chief, Department of Pathology, Blanchfield Army Community Hospital and Flight Surgeon, 50th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Dr. Farr was the Division Surgeon, 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York and Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Aeromedical Center and Lyster Army Hospital, Fort Rucker, Alabama, in 1997. He attended the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, receiving a master's in strategic studies, before becoming the Deputy Chief of Staff, Surgeon, U.S. Army Special Operations Command; Command Surgeon, U.S. Army Special Forces Command and U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command. He was Command Surgeon of the U.S. Special Operations Command in Tampa, Florida in 2006 and in 2009 became Command Surgeon, Special Operations Command Central Command, headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, and Doha, Qatar. During his tenure as the command surgeon, he developed non-standard evacuation techniques for special operations patients in remote areas. As a member of the Department of Defense Tactical Combat Casualty Care Committee, he established training requirements for battlefield care and routinely conducted training for deploying medical personnel. He retired on May 1, 2013.

Dr. Farr is currently the Associate Clinical Professor of Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and Associate Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine at the Bradenton, Florida campus of the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, America's largest medical school. He remains active on the Department of Defense Tactical Combat Casualty Care Committee.

His military awards include the Combat Medical Badge with Star, Expert Infantryman Badge, Army Master Flight Surgeon Wings, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Scuba Badge, Special Forces Tab, Defense Superior Service Medal with oak-leaf cluster, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star for Valor with oak-leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army MSM with five oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with 2 device, Joint Service and Army Commendation Medals, Good Conduct Medal with clasp and 4 loops, Presidential, Valorous, Meritorious and Joint Unit Citations, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and the U.S. Air Force Operational Excellence Unit Citation.

Dr. Farr has two children: Dr. David D. Farr, Judge Advocate, Texas Army National Guard who is also a county judge in Houston, and Lt. Col. Timothy A. Farr, USAF, Deputy J1, EUCOM, Stuttgart, Germany. He is married to Dr. Kathleen Dunn Farr, U.S. Army, Retired.