

# DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS REGIMENT



**MR. DOUG ELWELL**  
*U.S. Army, Civilian*

Inducted October 31, 2014



Mr. Doug Elwell enlisted in the U.S. Navy in June 1967, where he served as an aviation fire control technician. After leaving active service in June 1971, he worked in the private sector for seven years before joining federal service at the Sacramento Army Depot, Sacramento, Calif., as an avionics technician in the Directorate for Maintenance.

In October 1983, he transferred to the Communications System Design Section, beginning a 28-year association with U.S. Army Psychological Operations units. By 1990, as a senior project engineer. He was also the lead project engineer for the design and fielding of the AN/MSQ-85B, Mobile Audio Video Unit and the AN/TRQ-44, 50kw Broadcast Transmitter System. As a civilian, Mr. Elwell was deployed to Operation Urgent Fury (Grenada) and to Operation Desert Shield (Saudi Arabia), tasked to maintain PSYOP equipment.

In February 1992, Elwell moved to Fort Bragg, N.C., taking a Civilian Broadcast Technical Adviser position with the 4th Psychological Operations Group in the PSYOP Dissemination Battalion. Over the next several years, he established and supervised the Maintenance Support Team responsible for building PSYOP-centric non-program mission-required commercial radio and television broadcast systems. He also trained Soldiers in the operation and maintenance of these systems.

Mr. Elwell, as the subject-matter expert, wrote the technical requirements documents for several U.S. Special Operations Command PSYOP Program systems, conveyed technical design guidance to the Corps of Engineers for construction of the Media Operations Complex and provided technical guidance to higher commands, government agencies and foreign nations in support of PSYOP operations worldwide. He deployed in support of Operation Uphold Democracy, Operation Joint Endeavor, Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Mr. Elwell retired on June 30, 2011.

Mr. Elwell attended Grand View Junior College, Des Moines, Iowa, San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, California; Sacramento City College, Sacramento, California and several military and civilian specialty technical schools. He completed the United Kingdom Psychological Operations Course in 2000.

Mr. Elwell is active in the community, holding membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, member of the board of directors for the Friends of Bentonville Battlefield, KIA/MIA Fund Administrator for the PSYOP Veterans Association, member PSYOP Association, First Sergeant of the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry Company, Pipe Sergeant of the Cross Creek Pipes & Drums of Fayetteville and Regimental Piper to the PSYOP Regiment and secretary of the PSYOP Regimental Association.

Mr. Elwell's decorations and awards include the Navy Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Department of the Army awards include the Armed Forces Civilian Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal, the Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service, the Southwest Asia Civilian Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, Army Commander's Award for Civilian Service with laurel leaf, Army Superior Civilian Service Award and the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award. He received his plank-holder certificate as Regimental Piper in the PSYOP Regiment in 1998, was designated Honorary 1st Piper of the 1st SF Regiment in 1999, was inducted as an Honorary Member of the PSYOP Regiment in 2011 and was made Honorary plank-holder of the 4th Military Information Support Group in 2013.

He has been married to the former Shirley Joyce Iverson of Duluth, Minn., since 1974.