

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS REGIMENT



**SERGEANT MAJOR
THOMAS "TOMMY" M. BORTON**
U.S. Army, Retired

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Tommy Borton began his military career in 1988 as a combat medic and retired at the rank of sergeant major. He served in various conventional and special operations units, holding leadership positions at every noncommissioned officer level.

Borton began his Civil Affairs career in 2003. His previous assignments include team sergeant in F Company, 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), Civil-Military Operations Center noncommissioned officer in charge in A Company, 97th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), and first sergeant in B Company, 97th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne).

While at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, he served as a Career Management Field 38 senior career manager, S3 Operations sergeant major with the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), and Civil Affairs commandant sergeant major.

Through his leadership and mastery of personnel policy processes, he established areas of concentration 38G, 38S, military occupational specialties 38R, 38W, 38Z, numerous skill identifiers, additional skill identifiers, and revised area of concentration for 38A and military occupational specialty 38B. He led and shaped numerous Career Management Field 38 bonus policies, innovated in-service recruiting, and authored promotion guidance which led to the establishment of the 85th Civil Affairs Brigade, 92nd Civil Affairs Battalion, Civil Affairs Theater Planning teams, and generating force growth.

Borton's military schools include Basic Airborne School, Air Assault School, Flight Medic School, Special Operations Combat Medic course, SERE School, Primary Leadership Development Course, Jumpmaster Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Civil Affairs Qualification Course, Civil Affairs Medical Sergeant Course, First Sergeant Course, the Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Academy, and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy.

Borton's awards include the Combat Medic Badge, Combat Action Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Flight Medic Badge, Air Assault Badge, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with eight oak leaf clusters, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with the number five, Army Superior Unit Award, and the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Since retiring from the military in 2017, he served as the vice president of a Civil Affairs nonprofit organization, supporting camaraderie, responsibility, team building, and professional development for the morale and welfare of the service members and families of the Civil Affairs Corps. He also spearheaded efforts to design and produce the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade Memorial Stone, which honors over 75 years of service to our nation and is displayed at the U.S. Army Special Operation Command's Memorial Plaza.