

# DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**SERGEANT MAJOR  
HAROLD JACOBSON**  
*U.S. Army, Retired*

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Sergeant Major Harold Jacobson served in the U.S. Army from 1947 until his retirement in 1977, and was with the Special Forces Regiment from 1958 to 1977. During his time with the Special Forces Regiment Sgt. Maj. Jacobson served as a Weapons Sergeant in the 77th Special Forces Group. Sergeant Major Jacobson then served in the 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), with three deployments to Vietnam, where he trained students at the Duc Military Academy.

Sergeant Major Jacobson also served as the 6th Special Forces Group (Airborne) Training. His next assignment was with the 1st Special Forces Group in Thailand. Sergeant Major Jacobson then trained soldiers in the Philippine Army.

Sergeant Major Jacobson took part in a rescue mission with a SCUBA Detachment that was involved in a helicopter crash. He survived the crash and within two hours was back in the water to help retrieve the bodies of his fallen soldiers. Sergeant Major Jacobson received the Soldier's Medal, a Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge (2nd Award), Master Parachutist, SCUBA Badge and the RVN Ranger Badge. He retired in 1977, and has served as Executive Director of the Special Forces Association and helped establish relations within the Special Forces Association community.

Sergeant Major Jacobson worked as a contractor in Saudi Arabia from 1978 to 1983, where he hosted social gatherings for former Special Forces members and upon his return to the United States, he remained active in tutoring and guiding other Special Forces Soldiers.

After his retirement, Sergeant Major Jacobson was a two-term president of the Special Forces Association from 1996-2000 and then served as Executive Director of the Special Operations Association from 2001-2006.