

# DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**MAJOR GENERAL  
DAVID A. MORRIS**  
*U.S. Army, Retired*

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Beginning with his graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1975 as an infantry officer to present day, Major General David A. Morris continues to dedicate his life to honoring the U.S. Army values.

In 1977, Morris graduated into the Special Forces community and continued an illustrious first decade of service. First, he became a charter member of the Charlie Company, 3d Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group Combatant Commanders In-extremis Force—now the Critical Threats Advisory Company. Next, while conducting foreign internal defense in support of the El Salvadorian government during two tours, he advised and received presidential approval for his recommendation to overcome the insurgents' advantage. Near the end of his first decade of service, he was personally selected to assume responsibility for Phase I training of the Special Forces Qualification Course at Camp Mackall, North Carolina.

Morris maintained his distinguished record of service. He led the development of a pioneering program with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency that used artificial intelligence to guide the mission planning of U.S. Special Operations Forces. He also provided integral input to the development of a terrorism link analysis program that later became the Defense Threat Database System. In addition, Morris authored several impactful documents that continue to have abiding effects. In 1988 he wrote a white paper that created a U.S. Special Operations Forces program of record, Integrated Survey Program, which is still in use. One year later, he authored the Special Operations Forces Intelligence Sub-Architecture for the U.S. Central Command that provided support to Special Operations Forces during Operation DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. In 1993, General Colin Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, signed off on Morris' classified master plan for a U.S. Army Special Mission Unit—the first of its kind.

During retirement, Morris continues his selfless service. He was the Chairman of the Green Beret Foundation and raised its rating level among nonprofit organizations to platinum status. He also championed diversity on the composition of the foundation's board and introduced innovative fund-raising techniques, such as the A-Team Dinner. Morris remains on the Green Beret Foundation Board of Advisors.

Maj. Gen. Morris dedicates his time and effort to additional veteran non-profit organizations. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Special Forces Scholarship Fund and actively participates as an officer in his local Special Forces Association Chapter.

Morris continues to support other non-profit organizations devoted to disabled veterans by engaging in speaking and mentorship opportunities.