

# DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS REGIMENT



**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR  
NEIL C. HEUPEL**  
*U.S. Army, Retired*

Inducted 2021



Command Sergeant Major Neil C. Heupel hails from Aberdeen, S.D. He entered the military in August 1975, completing his Marine Corps Basic Training at San Diego Recruit Depot, Calif. He served in the Marine Corps for four years. He joined the North Dakota National Guard in 1982 where he served for seven years then joined the Army Reserve. Command Sgt. Maj. Heupel is a Vietnam Era Veteran.

In his 27 years of assignment with the U.S. Army Reserve, he has served as the Command Sergeant Major for several units most notably the 13th Psychological Operations Battalion, Arden Hills, Minn.; the 353rd Civil Affairs Command, Staten Island, N.Y.; and the United States Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne), Ft. Bragg, NC. His last military assignment was as a SGM in the PSYOP Commandant's Office in SWCS as the USAR Liaison.

Command Sgt. Maj. Heupel is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He deployed as the 353 CACOM Command Sgt. Maj. from September 2004 until May 2005.

He is a 1997 graduate of the U. S. Army Sergeants Major Academy and Keystone, the DOD Joint Senior Enlisted Advisors Course.

Command Sgt. Maj. Heupel is a graduate of North Dakota State University, earning a Bachelor of Architecture. He also earned a Master's Degree in Leadership and Management through Liberty University. He worked as an architect for 20 years, also as a Department of the Army Civilian serving as a Strategic Planner for Psychological Operations at the United States Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) at Fort Bragg. He is a past Honorary Sergeant Major of the Psychological Operations Regiment and the current President of the Psychological Operations Regimental Association (PRA).

His most significant military awards and decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, three Legion of Merit Medals and the Bronze Star Medal.

Command Sgt. Maj. Heupel is married to Denise and they have three children Skye, Brianne and Kelsey. They have seven grandchildren Zachary, Graysen, Everett, Declan, Finley, Carter and MacKenzie.