

# DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS REGIMENT



**FIRST SERGEANT  
DONALD C. BARTON**  
*U.S. Army, Retired*

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First Sergeant Donald C. Barton was born in St Louis, Mo. and entered the U.S. Army in June 1974. After completion of basic training and the Air Defense Artillery Vulcan Crewman Advanced Individual Training, he served in various positions from Assistant Gunner to Platoon Sergeant. His assignments included the 4th Infantry Division, the 1st Armored Division, and the 1st Cavalry Division.

In 1981 1st Sgt. Barton left active duty and reenlisted in the Army Reserve and reclassified as a Psychological Operations Specialist. He served as Loudspeaker Team Chief, Tactical PSYOP Detachment Sergeant and Company First Sergeant. In 1993, he returned to active duty and his assignments included the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Ft Bragg, N.C., the PACOM Battalion (Provisional), 4th PSYOP Group (Airborne), Ft Bragg, N.C., and the 8th Army Headquarters in Seoul, Korea. In 2003 1st Sgt. Barton last duty assignment was as a PSYOP Enlisted Senior Career Manager. In 2006 1st Sgt. Barton retired with 32 years of military service both active duty and reserve.

After retirement in 2006, 1st Sgt. Barton was hired as a civilian management analyst at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School and has focused on maintaining the military occupational classifications and structures for the Civil Affairs, Psychological Operations, and Special Forces Branches and is still serving in that capacity. 1st Sgt. Barton continues to support the PSYOP Branch with its military occupational classification initiatives.

His military schooling includes the Primary NCO Course, ADA Basic NCO Course, PSYOP Advance NCO Course, Airborne School, Battle Staff NCO Course, First Sergeant Course, Sergeants Major Academy (Class 51), Instructor Training Course, Action Officer Force Integration Course, and the Army Capabilities Development Course.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, 6th award, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal with two bronze service stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal and the Parachutist Badge.