

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**SERGEANT MAJOR
MATTHEW O. WILLIAMS**
U.S. Army, Medal of Honor

Inducted 2021



Sergeant Major Matthew O. Williams, a 3rd Special Forces Group operations sergeant, graduated from Angelo State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Driven to serve, Williams enlisted into the Army under the 18X Special Forces enlistment program in September 2005.

After completing Infantry One Station Unit Training, Williams attended Basic Airborne Training at Fort Benning, Ga. In 2006, he attended the Special Forces Assessment and Selection and was selected to attend the Special Forces Qualification Course (SFQC). Williams graduated from the SFQC as a Weapons Sergeant in 2006 and was assigned to Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (SFG).

Throughout his distinguished career, Sgt. Maj. Williams deployed multiple times in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Juniper Shield serving in numerous positions, including Weapons Sergeant, Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd SFG (A); Senior Weapons Sergeant, Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd SFG (A); Senior Weapons Sergeant, Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd SFG (A); senior instructor/writer Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group; Senior Weapons Sergeant, Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd SFG (A); and Operations Sergeant, Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd SFG (A).

Sgt. Maj. Williams' Special Forces military training and education include, the Master Leader Course; Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape; Special Forces Qualification Course; the Defense Language Institute's French Course; Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat Course; Special Forces Advanced Reconnaissance Target Exploitation Course; Basic Instructor Training and Small Group Instructor Training.

Sgt. Maj. Williams' awards and decorations include the Medal of Honor, Bronze Star Medal with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal with Bronze Clasp and four Loops, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral "4," Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with Numeral "3," Valorous Unit Award, Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Special Forces Tab.

Sgt. Maj. Williams currently resides in North Carolina with his wife and son.