

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FIVE
DOUGLAS D. FRANK**
U.S. Army, Retired

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Chief Warrant Officer Five Douglas D. Frank entered the Minnesota Army National Guard in 1976 as an Infantryman, two years later entering the U.S. Army as a Military Policeman.

In 1985, he graduated from the Special Forces Qualification Course and was assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), where he spent the next five years operating throughout the Southern Command Area of Operations. He was appointed as a Special Forces Warrant Officer in 1990 and began his Warrant Officer career serving as an Assistant Detachment Commander, and in several cases, the Detachment Commander in the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne).

Over the course of his more than thirty-eight years of service, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Frank led small teams of Green Berets, served in key and critical staff positions, and advised commanders at all levels within the Regiment during both peace and war.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Frank arguably has had the single most influence on the Special Forces Warrant Officer program of any single Warrant Officer. Serving as the first Special Forces qualified Training, Advising, Counseling (TAC) Officer at the Warrant Officer Candidate School at Fort Rucker, Alabama he paved the way for others to follow, proving the “One Team” philosophy he believed in.

As the Chief Warrant Officer of the Branch-Special Forces, he was the driving force behind the approval of a bonus program and the formation of the Special Forces Warrant Officer Institute. This led to the Chief of Staff of the Army approval of the U.S. John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School becoming one of only two organizations authorized to appoint and commission U.S. Army Warrant Officers.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Frank has been a mentor and role model to countless Special Forces Warrant Officers, which has influenced several generations of Special Forces leaders.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Frank’s commitment to serve continued after his Army retirement, serving as the Honorary Warrant Officer of the Regiment for four consecutive years and as the Operations Director for the Special Forces Charitable Trust. He continues to serve the Special Forces Regiment as an active member of the Special Forces Association and as Co-founder and Executive Director of Warrior Sportsmen, Inc., a nonprofit benevolent organization supporting Green Berets.