

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS REGIMENT



**COLONEL
JAMES A. TREADWELL**

Inducted May 2016



Col. James A. Treadwell was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1976.

His military assignments as an Infantry officer include Platoon Leader, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 325 Airborne Infantry Regiment and Anti-Tank Platoon Leader and Executive Officer, Company E, 325 Airborne Infantry Regiment at Ft. Bragg, NC. He commanded Combat Support Company, 1st Battalion, 54th Infantry and was the Adjutant, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division at Bamberg, Germany.

His Psychological Operations assignments include Executive Officer, 9th Psychological Operations Battalion (Airborne), Group Operations Officer, 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne) and Action Officer, J-33 Special Operations Division, Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He commanded the 6th Psychological Operations Battalion (Airborne) from 1993-1995. Upon completion of command, he served as the Psychological Operations Division Chief, Directorate of Training and Doctrine, United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School. Following attendance at the Naval War College, Col. Treadwell was the G3, US Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command; Commander, Combined Joint Psychological Operations Task Force, Security Forces, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina; and Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command. He commanded the 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne) from 2001-2003. Col. Treadwell culminated his career as the first commander of the Joint Psychological Operations Support Element at the United States Special Operations Command in Tampa, Florida.

After retirement, he was a Principal at CALIBRE Systems, Inc., an employee-owned management and technology services company and was the task lead for the GBPS Global Media task order. This task order provided USSOCOM and its components with a strong, proven global media partner to support its mission. This highly capable and professionally qualified team of global media specialists had the capability and experience to introduce ideas effectively, to influence thinking, to change behaviors and to shape the attitudes of government, identified and authorized target audiences. Col. Treadwell is now retired again, although he occasionally consults on particularly interesting influence efforts.

Col. Treadwell is a Master Parachutist. He is a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff Officer Course and the Naval War College. He has a master's in history from Rice University and in national security and international relations from the Naval War College.

His awards include the Expert Infantryman Badge, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Humanitarian Service Medal and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. His foreign awards include the NATO Medal and the German Parachutist Badge.

Col. Treadwell is married to the former Bess Shearer of Fayetteville, North Carolina. They have three children: Ann Marsh, Julie and Alex.