

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS REGIMENT



**COLONEL
DANIEL D. DEVLIN**

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Colonel Daniel D. Devlin, a native of McVie, North Dakota, was commissioned in 1969 through the ROTC program as an Armor Officer from North Dakota State University with a degree in History Education. His 35 years of service in national defense-related activities include service in the Army (31 years active duty as a commissioned officer and nearly four years of enlisted service in the U.S. Army Reserve) as well as the private sector.

His assignments include: Armor Officer; Foreign Area Officer; 66th Military Intelligence Group; 6th Psychological Operations Battalion (Airborne), Commander; 4th Psychological Operations Group, deputy commander; liaison officer between 4th POG and the Joint Special Operations Command; Pentagon, Chief of Psychological Operations and Civil Affairs for the Joint Staff; Defense Language Institute Foreign Learning Center and Commandant; DLIFLC, Installation Commander.

During Col. Devlin's time as the 6th Psychological Operations Battalion (Airborne) Commander, PSYOP personnel were considered 'persona non grata' within the European Command as a result of flawed and failed influence operations of another agency operating in the EUCOM area of operations. Col. Devlin immediately flew to the EUCOM Headquarters and met with the J3 to set the record straight. The result of this meeting was the establishment of a PSYOP Liaison Office in EUCOM, PSYOP inclusion in all EUCOM War Plans and exercises, and routine meetings with the EUCOM J3 and Commander, as well as Special Operations Command Europe.

In 1996, Col. Devlin was assigned to the Defense Language Institute Foreign Learning Center, where he served as not only the Commandant of DLIFLC, but also as the Installation Commander. He was the longest-serving Commandant for DLIFLC at the time of his retirement. Col. Devlin's understanding and advocacy for linguistically-trained Soldiers impacted operations not only within the PSYOP community, but across the Joint Services.

Col. Devlin was a 1978 Russian graduate of DLIFLC, the U.S. Army War College and Command and General Staff College and attended the U.S. Army Russian Institute in Garmisch, Germany. He earned a Master's in National Security Affairs from the Naval Post Graduate School and a Master's in International Relations from the University of Southern California.

Col. Devlin retired from the Army in December 2000, and transitioned to the private sector, where he worked as a contract consultant, continuing to provide PSYOP support to specified clients before being hired as a Department of Defense Civilian. He became a principal within the Office of Secretary Defense for International Security Affairs, and championed the need to identify and respond to foreign and terrorist influence operations in all media, especially through the Internet. As a result, he was the first to raise this threat to the national level with a detailed and evidenced based testimony before Congress.

Col. Devlin's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal. He also has the Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kuwaiti Medal for the Liberation of Kuwait, Saudi Arabian Medal for the Liberation of Kuwait and the Overseas Service Ribbon.

Col. Devlin and his wife Darlene resided in Virginia at the time of their deaths in 2010, just 17 days apart. They are survived by their two sons, Daniel Jr. and Robert, and their families.