

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**COMMAND SGT. MAJ.
EARNEST MICHAL BISHOP**

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Command Sergeant Major Earnest “Michael” Bishop enlisted into the United States Army in March of 1973. He served a total of 25 years of service to the Special Operations Community, serving in numerous noncommissioned officer leadership positions before retiring from active duty in April of 2003.

Command Sergeant Major Bishop served in vital leadership positions within the United States Army Special Operations Command to include: Command Sergeant Major, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne); Command Sergeant Major, United States Army Special Forces Command (Airborne); and Command Sergeant Major of the United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School.

As the Command Sergeant Major and senior enlisted advisor to the commander, his duties and responsibilities included professional development, training and management of enlisted personnel, administrative and logistical issues, retention, and personnel accountability pertaining to the readiness of the organization.

Command Sergeant Major Bishop’s military education includes the Special Forces Qualification Course, Special Forces Operations and Intelligence Sergeants Course, Basic and Advance Noncommissioned Officers Courses, First Sergeants Course, Sergeants Major Academy and the Command Sergeants Major Course.

Command Sergeant Major Bishop’s awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Combat Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Military Freefall Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab and the Special Forces Tab.

Following his retirement from active duty, Command Sergeant Major Bishop entered civil service as a training specialist assigned to the Training Development Division, Directorate of Training and Doctrine, U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School. In this position he has proven instrumental in the analysis, design, and development of training support material in support of Programs of Instruction in the Special Forces Qualification Course.

He is married to the former Elaine Gregory. They have two children, Melissa and Brandy.