DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT

COMMAND SGT. MAJ. MORRIS G. WORLEY

Inducted July 2010

Command Sergeant Major (Ret) Morris G. Worley was born in Louisville, KY, May 14, 1938. In high school he belonged to the Junior ROTC, graduating as a Cadet First Lieutenant. He joined the U.S. Army in June 1956, his first assignment with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Knox, with reassignment to Germany with duty on the Czechoslovakian border. While in Germany he was selected to attend the Seventh U.S. Army NCO Academy and was promoted to Staff Sergeant upon return to his unit. Command Sergeant Major Worley left the Army and attended Bellarmine College in Louisville.

Command Sergeant Major Worley rejoined the U.S. Army as an E-2 in 1960 and was assigned to the 9th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, Korea, with duty in the Demilitarized Zone. During this assignment he volunteered to clear a safe lane through an active mine field, which resulted in being appointed Division Soldier of the Month, promotion to Specialist5 and appointment as NCOIC of an arming party establishing a barrier mine field. Following this tour he was assigned to the U.S. Army Training Center at Fort Knox and assigned to co-write the book on Hand-to-Hand Combat and train instructors; he also initiated instruction. During this assignment, Command Sergeant Major Worley was promoted to Staff Sergeant and subsequently volunteered to return to Germany. He was reassigned to the 11th ACR and later returned to Fort Knox for duty as a Drill Instructor. Command Sergeant Major Worley volunteered for Special Forces duty and attended Airborne School in October 1964. He reported to Special Forces Training Group in November 1964 and graduated with an MOS of 11F in June 1965. He was assigned to Company C, 6th SFG(A), Fort Bragg.

In May 1966 (then) Sergeant First Class Worley was reassigned to HQs, 5th SFG(A), Republic of Vietnam, with duty at MACVSOG, FOB-2, Kontum, one of the original 33 so assigned. He helped build a separate compound for a Montagnard company, recruiting, training, equipping and leading the company. While interdicting the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos as a member of RT Nevada, led by One-Zero, Sergeant First Class Worley became involved in a series of engagements that resulted in the award of the Distinguished Service Cross. Later in the engagement, Worley was wounded and was evacuated. In December 1967 he was transferred to the Special Forces Training Group as an instructor, and later transferred from water jump status, assisting with the building of the first Special Forces F training facility at Camp Mackall. Command Sergeant Major Worley was again assigned to 5th SFG(A) with duty in MACVSOG, Heavy Hook, NKP. At the end of this tour he returned to Fort Knox as Provost Sergeant Major and then transferred to LaSalle College, Pennsylvania, where he taught ROTC and attended classes.

In May 1973, Command Sergeant Major Worley attended the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy where he wrote two award winning papers. In July 1976 he was assigned to the 14th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Command Sergeant Major Worley retired in October 1977 with 21 years of service. He returned to North Carolina and taught Junior ROTC for 14 years, two of those as a Senior Army Instructor. His detachment was designated Honor Unit with Distinction. He transferred to the University of North Carolina, School of Dentistry, where he designed computer software in support of periodontal research. Command Sergeant Major Worley served as a member of the Board, National Commander and National Adjutant for the Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Inc., a veteran's service organization comprised of recipients of the Medal of Honor or one of the Service Crosses. Command Sergeant Major Worley is a longstanding member of the Special Forces Association and is a member of the Special Operations Association. He resides at Chapel Hill North Carolina, with Pamela, his wife of 38 years. They have one daughter and two grandchildren.