

Bio sketch: Jeffrey H. Raker, Command Sergeant Major (Retired)

Jeff Raker is a native of Germany and a graduate of Ephrata High School at Ephrata, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Campbell University at Buies Creek, North Carolina, with a BS degree in Social Science and Secondary School Teaching Certification. He entered the Army in 1958, served as an Infantryman in the 25th Division in Hawaii, the 1st Division in Fort Riley, Kansas, and as a Drill Instructor at Fort Knox, Kentucky. In 1963 he volunteered for Airborne and Special Forces Training and completed the Special Forces Qualification Course with specialization in Operations and Intelligence in September of that year. In addition, he is a graduate of the Basic Airborne Course, the Jumpmaster School, Russian Language School, the Psychological Operations Course, the Instructor Training Course, and Class 1 of the Sergeants Major Academy.

During more than 30 years of active duty CSM Raker served as Infantry Team Leader Squad Leader and Drill Instructor, as Special Forces Weapons Sergeant and Intelligence and Operations Sergeant on operational detachments in the 1st, 5th and 6th Special Forces Groups, as well as an instructor at the Special Forces School. From 1976 until his retirement from active duty he served as Company Sergeant Major in the 5th and the 10th Special Forces Group and as Command Sergeant Major of the 2d Battalion 10th Special Forces Group, as Command Sergeant Major of the 1st Special Forces Group and the Special Warfare Center and School. His overseas tours include one tour in Hawaii, two tours each in Germany and Okinawa and three tours in Vietnam. He has served on temporary duty assignments in the Philippines, in Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Belgium, Canada, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the United Kingdom.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, three Meritorious Service Medals, two Air Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge and the Special Forces Tab. He has been awarded parachutist badges by the Republic of Vietnam, the Republic of China, the Kingdom of Thailand and Canada.

Since leaving active duty in February 1988 until February 1998 Jeff has been employed by Guam Community College as an Instructor, Assistant Professor, and Associate Dean of Instruction. He was cited in two Resolutions of the Legislature of the Territory of Guam. In November 2011 he was inducted as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment by the Secretary of the Army. He served 15 years as President of Chapter 46 of the Special Forces Association on Guam and the Philippines, Vice Commander, Commander, Historian and Judge Advocate of Mid-Pacific Post 1 of the American Legion, as Americanism Officer of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and is a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2485 in the Philippines. He resides in Dededo, Guam, with Monika Minako Raker, his wife of 46 years.