

# GEN Charles Christopher Campbell

**Born:** Aug. 24, 1948, Shreveport, LA

**Died:** Feb. 8, 2016 (age 67), Shreveport, LA

**Buried:** Arlington National Cemetery

**Years of service:** 1970-2010

**Awards include:** Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (three oak-leaf clusters), Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (five oak-leaf clusters), Special Forces Tab, Master Parachutist Badge.

**Culminating assignments:** 17<sup>th</sup> commanding general of FORSCOM Jan. 9, 2007 to June 3, 2010. FORSCOM's deputy commanding general and chief of staff April 26, 2006, to Jan. 8, 2007.

**Early assignments:** Initial assignment was as instructor at Infantry Training Command (Provisional), U.S. Army Training Center Infantry, Fort Ord, CA. After Special Forces training, taught tactics at Forces Armées National Khmere Training Command, Army Advisory Group, Phouc Tuy Training Battalion, U.S. Army, Vietnam. Subsequently served as A-Detachment executive officer and commander in Vietnam.

**Other commands:** Combat-support company in 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division, Fort Hood, TX; 2-67 Armor Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division, U.S. Army Europe; and heavy brigade in 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, Eighth Army, South Korea. Also commanded 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division at Fort Carson, CO, and Eighth Army, South Korea.

**Staff assignments:** Operations officer, 3-63 Armor, Augsburg, Germany; chief, Exercise Branch, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, Wuerzburg, Germany; plans and operations officer, Combined Field Army, Republic of Korea; senior task force observer/controller and later deputy commander, Operations Group, Combat Maneuver Training Center, Hohenfels, Germany; chief of staff, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division (Mechanized), Eighth Army, South Korea; assistant division commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX; chief of staff, I Corps and Fort Lewis, Fort Lewis, WA; deputy commanding general, Third Army, Fort McPherson, GA; chief of staff, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany; chief of staff, U.S. Central Command; and chief of staff, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and U.S. Forces Korea.

**Commission:** Through ROTC at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge; bachelor's of arts degree in history.

**Military education:** master's of military art and science from U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. Attended a variety of military schools, including School of Advanced Military Studies in 1986 as well as Army War College in 1991.



**Figure 3. Commander of Special Operations A-Detachment in Vietnam, then-2LT Charles “Hondo” Campbell sets out on a mission in 1971. (U.S. Army photo)**