

MAJOR CAESAR J. CIVITELLA

UNITED STATES ARMY



Major Caesar J. Civitella distinguished himself during a lifetime of service to the

Special Operations community. His seventy-two year Special Operations career began at Camp Mackall, North Carolina, in 1943. Major Civitella was selected to be a member of one of the forerunner organizations to Army Special Operations, the Operational Group branch of the Office of Strategic Services. One of the original Army Special Forces course instructors, he has a 19-year career in Special Forces. He followed that with another 19 years

supporting paramilitary operations for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). His last assignment with the Agency was as its representative to the U.S. Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force and U.S. Readiness Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. During his military and Agency years, he served in combat, training, and intelligence collection missions in France, Italy, Germany, Africa, and South Vietnam. Among his awards and decorations are the Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, Glider Badge, the Special Forces Tab, and the CIA Intelligence Medal of Merit. His service did not end with his retirement from the Agency. He remains active in the Special Operations community, Veteran's groups, and supports historical efforts. He was also recognized by United States Special Operations Command in 2008 with the presentation of the Bull Simons Award. Major Civitella's unwavering loyalty, devotion to duty, and lifetime of dedication reflect great credit upon himself, Special Operations Forces, and the United States Special Operations Command.

