



The Bronze de Fleury Medal is awarded to Mr. Alton Parker, USASOC, Deputy Chief of Staff-Engineer

Mr. Al Parker, Deputy Director for Deputy Chief of Staff-Engineer, United States Army Special Operations Command (USASOC), and his wife Sheila were presented the Bronze de Fleury Medal by Brigadier General Palumbo, the Deputy Commanding General for USASOC, for outstanding contribution to the Engineer Regiment and the USASOC. The award was presented on 4 December 2009, as USASOC celebrated its 20th Anniversary during the annual Christmas Formal at the Fort Bragg Officer's Club.

Mr. Parker has distinguished himself with exceptionally superior service to the Engineer Regiment over the course of his 25 year career in government and civil service. His first five years of civil service was working in the North Carolina Area Engineer Office for USACE. Then in 1989, he joined USASOC at the organization's inception serving as the very first Deputy Chief of Staff, Engineer. Mr. Parker has served as the Deputy Director over the last 20 years and performed duties as the Programmer, Master Planner and the Planning/Programming Division Chief for Military Construction for the command. His contributions to the command and the Engineer Regiment are plentiful. Most notably he planned, programmed, and supervised the construction of E-2929 (USASOC Headquarters Building). Additionally, Mr. Parker was directly involved in the planning/programming/construction management of several unique training facilities for the United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School to include the construction of Range 37 (unique Special Operations range facility), Dive Training Center in Key West, Florida, Yuma Proving Grounds Training Facilities, construction of Bank Hall on Fort Bragg, the military free fall wind tunnel on Fort Bragg, and the Medical Training Center for Special Operations medics. Mr. Parker was also instrumental in several BRAC moves over the years affecting Special Forces Groups.

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BG Palumbo, DCG USASOC, Mr. Alton Parker, USASOC, Deputy Chief of Staff-Engineer and his wife Shelia.

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