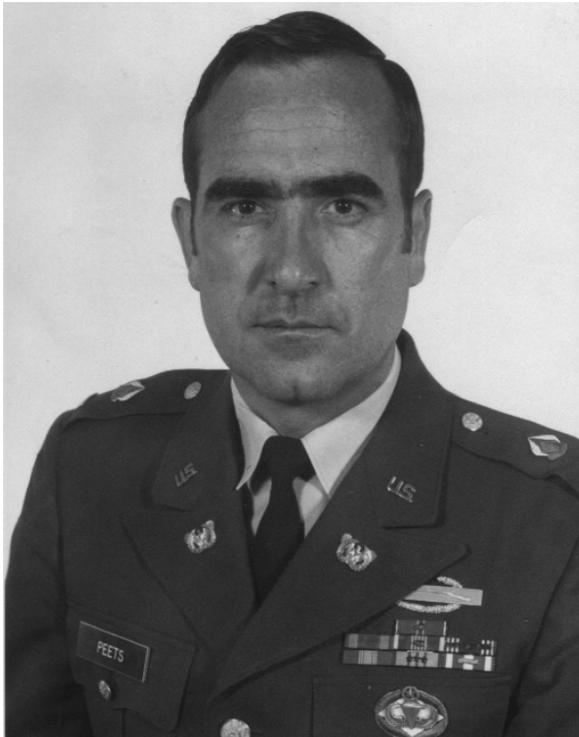


CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FOUR BEN E. PEETS

US Army, Retired



CW4 Ben Peets entered military service in January 1955 at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Throughout his career, he served in intelligence assignments closely aligned with Airborne and Special Operations units. In 1966, he served as a Reconnaissance Section Leader and Brigade Intelligence Sergeant with both the 101st Airborne Division and the 1st Air Cavalry Division. During a second tour of duty, in 1970, with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam, he served as the Chief, Special Operations Center. It was during this assignment that CW4 Peets was selected for appointment as one of the first warrant officers in the newly created Order of Battle Technician career field.

CW4 Peets' assignments included a tour of duty in 1971 through 1975 with XVIII Airborne Corps where he served as an Order of Battle Technician, Detachment Operations Officer, Counterintelligence Technician, and as the Chief of the All-Source Intelligence Center. Subsequently, from 1975 until 1978, while assigned to the 3rd Armored Division in Germany he served as the Officer-in-Charge of the Division Operations and Intelligence Center. Analysts under his direction produced and published the standardized guide to Soviet Order of Battle in the 3rd Armor Division area of operations. Upon his return to Fort Bragg in 1978, then CW3 Peets was given the task of assembling a Program of Instruction for a Special Forces Operations and Intelligence (O&I) Course. His direct personal involvement in the development of the O&I curriculum had direct and significant long-term impact on how Special Forces personnel collect and process critical tactical and operational intelligence today. This course, while continuing to be updated, remains the capstone requirement for both NCO and Warrant officer appointments.

In October 1983, CW4 Peets retired from the active Army and accepted an Army Civil Service intelligence position in the newly formed Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC). During his more than 15 years with JSOC CW4 Peets served in multiple positions in the J2, including Analyst, Senior Analyst, Branch Chief, as Division Chief of two different divisions, and as the Deputy J2 for Plans, Programs and Budget. During this time, he was repeatedly commended for his efforts in educating a new generation of Special Operations intelligence personnel.

CW4 Peets played a personal role in a number of JSOC operations under the direction of various National Intelligence Agencies and the US Special Operations Command. Of special note was the Integrated Survey Program (ISP) he designed and developed specifically to support the highly specialized planning and execution of complex Special Operations missions. He was personally responsible for its integration into a highly automated production and dissemination system.

CW4 Peets continued to serve with distinction in the JSOC J2 Directorate until his retirement from Civil Service in April of 1999. His awards and badges included the Combat Infantryman Badge, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Special Forces Tab and the Vietnam Parachutist Badge. His Department of Army civilian decorations include two awards of the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, as well as the Superior Civilian Service Award.

CW4 Peets was inducted into the MI Hall of Fame in 2003.