

# General Bryan D. Brown

## Artillery OCS Class 10-70



General Brown enlisted in the Army in 1967. After Airborne School and the Special Forces Qualifications Course, he served on a Special Forces “A Team” at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. After Officer Candidate School, he attended flight school at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He served in Vietnam with the 129th Assault Helicopter Company and commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery, Camp Pelham, Republic of Korea. His other combat tours include Operations Urgent Fury (Grenada), Desert Shield/Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. During the Invasion of Grenada, his aviation unit became the first to use night vision goggles in combat.

At Fort Campbell, General Brown served as Commander, C Company, and Deputy Commander for Operations, 160th Special Operations Aviation Group (Airborne); Commander, 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Commander, 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne); and Commander of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne). General Brown served as Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver), 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas.

He then served as the Commanding General, Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) and U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg. He culminated his military career as Commander, United States Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, where he was responsible for all Special Operations Forces of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, both active and reserve.

His decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (three awards), Army Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, and Bronze Star Medal.