

DECEMBER VETERAN OF THE MONTH  
GREATER DAYTONA ALL AIRBORNE CHAPTER  
HAROLD "JODY" THOMAS UNITED STATES ARMY

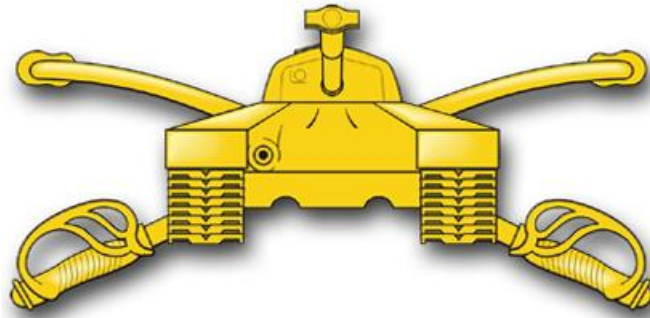


**Military Service Summary:**

Sergeant Thomas served with distinction from 1974 to 1978 in the Army's famed 82nd Airborne Division. He was trained as an Armored Recon Scout and assigned to B Company 4th Battalion 68th Airborne Armor at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. His unit was equipped with the lightweight Sheridan M551 tank. Sergeant Thomas was assigned as tank Commander after mastering driver, loader and gunner positions. During qualifications Sergeant Thomas led his crew to a proficiency award for Top Gun.



AWARDS-MEDALS-BADGES  
DISTINGUISHED GUNNER CERTIFICATE  
PARACHUTE WINGS  
NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDAL  
M16 RIFLE MARKSMAN



*68th AIRBORNE ARMOR*



The 68th airborne armored regiment was the only rapid response group with the M551 Sheridan lightweight tank that could be airlifted along with its four highly trained paratroopers. This allowed the Army to provide boots on the ground and tank support anywhere in the world within eighteen hours.

The 82nd airborne division is a respected combat experienced unit relied upon to lead the way. Sergeant Thomas was a Tank Commander in this very elite organization.

After Jody left the service, he continued his career as a first responder while serving in the police force for over 30 years.

