#### BICENTENNIAL SPECIAL FORCES RIFLES BATTALION AIRMOBILE (HELICOPORTADA) COMPANY (AIR ASSAULT)



Best regards I am Colonel Homero Rodriguez "Ray", Green Beret of the United States Army and Honor Guard of Colombia. In this year of the Bicentennial of our Independence, I would like to pay tribute to the oldest Unit of the Colombian Army: the Rifles Battalion, created in Venezuela in 1818, Honor Guard of the Liberator, that integrating the British Legion was covered with glory in Vargas and Boyacá; Pedro Pascacio Martínez of the First Company, captured General Barreiro after the fight, demonstrating Honor and integrity.

Upon arriving in Santa Fe and receiving the Laurel Wreath from the villagers, General Simon Bolívar handed it over to the Rifles and since then it has been flying on the flagpole of its war flag. The Battalion continued its journey through Bomboná, Junín and Ayacucho where the freedom of America was conceived.

#### US ARMY SPECIAL FORCES "GREEN BERETS"







MAIL PICK UP

In 1971 through Provision 00411, Article 86 of Decree Law 8081, the Special Forces were created based on the Rifles, Guards of Honor of the liberator in the Tolemaida Fort.

Six Captains: Gentil Almario, Héctor Corredor (Lancers) Ramon Eduardo Niebles, Crispiniano Quinones', Hugo Tovar and Homero Rodriguez (Lancers and Paratroopers) advanced the Special Forces Officers Course, Green Berets in Fort Bragg and the last four joined the Rifles that had received 150 NCOS from Sergeant Inocencio Chinca, NCOS Military School to start the organization and training of the Elite Unit.

The Commander in 1972 was TC Marco Antonio Luna Cruz, Senior Executive MJ Ramon Eduardo Niebles Uzcátegui. My position was Commander of the Helicoptered Special Forces Company (Air Assault) and Intelligence Officer, Buffalo Company CT Bernardo Ramírez Lozano, Córdoba Company CT Carlos Caldas Cardona, Dragon Company CT OSPINA, S3 CT Crispiniano Quiñones Quiñones, S4 CT Humberto Murillo Marulanda.

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## ZONAS DE ATERRIZAJE Y LANZAMIENTO DIURNAS Y NOCTURNAS EN TIERRA Y AGUA







DAY AND NIGHT EARTH AND WATER DZ AN LZ

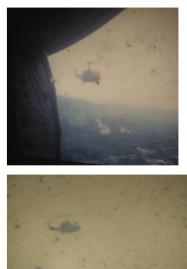
HALO- FREE FALL

The Helicoptered was assigned 10 Helicopters, 6 for transport and 4 for air support artillery, manned by the Air Force since the Army had no pilots or technicians for that purpose

The unit consisted of a "B" Detachment and 5 "A" Detachments, to carry out Direct Action, Stability and Internal Defense as well as Irregular Warfare Operations (Asymmetric Warfare) by executing these operations using Landing or Launching Zones on Land or Water, daytime or at night and using different platforms.

# HELICOPTER`S JUMP





The Helicopter parachute jump was implemented, with the collaboration of LTC Hernando Monsalve Figueroa, Commander of CAATA, launching in Hidro Prado and Launching Zones at different sites including Combat jump in Jurisdiction of the Sixth Brigade (C-47)

### INFILTRATION AND EXTRACTION FAST ROPE AND RAPEL



As well as, Infiltration and Extraction Techniques using Fast Rope and Rappel, mail collection and many other techniques for this specialty

The Battalion then received a Combat Mission in the Middle Magdalena Area in the "Golden Grain" sector where the Helicoptered entered the assault echelon, landing 200 meters from the target, the enemy was not at the site, and Fabio Vasquez had escaped leaving containment groups. The Buffalo Company executed a Fast Rope Insertion, but the trees were too tall and some soldiers were injured (the ropes were short)

# DIRECT ACTION MISSIONS



AIRMOBILE COMPANY- WAR DIARY

The Army Command ordered the withdrawal of Commando's Soldier troops and only were left in the area, (NCOS) students of the Special Forces Course who had to meet the requirement of acquiring the actual combat experience. Three Operational Detachments "A", commanded by Captains Caldas, Ramirez, and Rodriguez

My Detachment was composed by Rayo, Miguelito, School (Commandos), the NCOS students Pastuso, Cianuro, Negro, Banano, Pomponio, Martini, Machaca, Platino, Colico and "Guamo", a Bomboná soldier as a guide.

Operating asymmetrically, we located the ELN Mother Gang, we had several combats , the first on June 30, 1973, KIA a" Cossack post", which was evacuated to Amalfi using Fast Rope Extraction. The tactical surprise made them cross the Porce River, we set them in the Anorí Area where BR4 conducted Offensive operations

### VIP PROTECTIVE OPERATIONS AND ANTI KIDNAPPING



MR HENRY KISSINGER S US SECRETARY OF STATE - GUATAVITA 1972

Within the missions assigned in Counterterrorism Protective Operations we covered the visit of Dr. Henry Kissinger Secretary of State of the United States to Bogotá and Guatavita. I continue applying these techniques later on , when I returned from the FBI National Academy in Quantico , Va for the organization of the Military Escorts Detail in the General Command of Military Forces and later (Between 1994 and 2013) advise, and train more than 4000 escorts for the FFMM, Police, Prosecutor and General Attorney Office) and of friendly countries with the ESICI(Intelligence School), OPSIC(Psychologic Operations School) and Military Police School)among others Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, Panama and Peru.

## VIP PROTECTIVE OPERATIONS AND ANTI KIDNAPPING



In terms of the Anti Kidnapping Operations, we started the activity supporting the F2 of the General Staff of the National Police and Administrative Department of Security (DAS).

In 1986 as a DAS officer I was the head of the Section of the Anti-Kidnapping Initiative supported by the United States Government in Department D2 (Intelligence of the General Command Military Forces), the Presidential Program for Personal Liberty, advising and collaborating with the Military Gaulas and the FBI until my departure from the country

## **TRAINING-OPERATIONS**



9 SPECIAL FORCES COURSES



DEMONSTRATIONS

Operación Hulcón Plata IX Batallón Fuerzas Especiales Gifles (14)

Regarding instruction and training in the Rifles we advance 9 courses of Special Forces, Multiple demonstrations, Operation Hawk Vista VIII as Defense Force and Hawk Vista IX as "Foreign Enemy Forces", and some Operations like Anori, "Christmas Eve" and Puerto Rico among others.

#### COLOMBIAN GUARDS OF HONOR



Years later some of the Rifles Special Forces Captains returned to the Tenth Brigade as Commanders, LTC Quiñones Lancers School, LTC Bernardo Ramírez Colombia Battalion and MJ Homero Rodríguez Rifles Airborne Battalion under the Command of Brigadier General Jimmy Rocha Rubio rescuing the Strategic Reserve of the Military Forces and Army with the Tenth Airborne Brigade.

The Giles techniques "A" detachment that I was developing through my Military career and Riles experiences were disseminated nationally, through the Infantry School, Organization and training of units by Giles Voltígeros Battalion, (S-3 and Executive) Serviez Airborne Battalion (Executive), Rifles as Commander, Inocencio Chinca Military School of NCOs (Director).

With the Rifles, we recovered 270 Rifles in the Orteguaza river from the Aeropesca Aircraft kidnapped by the M-19 to transport the weapons delivered to them by the Sandinistas. We neutralized the Tolima Mobile gang and discovered the Cuba Invasion Plan by members of the organization that participated in the siege of the Embassy of the Dominican Republic in Bogota(Hostage takers) that returned "to start the civil war in Colombia". (1981)

I also trained the General Santander National Police I School Ensigns, Police Departments of Cordoba and Uraba and the Anti-Narcotics Police (in Airmobile Operations).

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Honor and glory to the Rifles of yesterday, today and forever, Colombian Guard of Honor. De Oppresso Liber