

## **Marvin Bennett Bio**

Marvin (Doc) Bennett joined the military in 1984 as a Combat Medic. After Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training, he was assigned to a Mechanized Infantry Battalion. On his first assignment he was selected as the Battalion Soldier of the Year. During this assignment he was invited to attend the NC Counter Drug Task Force Special Reconnaissance Operations (SRO) Team selection process. After being selected, Doc was assigned as the senior team medic. While there, he was also given the opportunity to lead missions, and finally, he was assigned as a Law Enforcement Liaison. In this position he advised local, state, and federal law enforcement on surveillance techniques, handgun selection, illegal drug eradication and other specialty operations.

While on active duty, Doc attended Basic Law Enforcement Training. There he maintained the highest academic average and the highest final exam grade on the State Exam. After two years as a local Police Officer Doc was given the opportunity to return to active duty.

During his first combat deployment Doc was assigned as his battalion's pistol instructor. He was also assigned as the senior non-commissioned officer in charge of training for the Iraqi Military. Doc received several promotions and awards during his time in the military. His awards include, but are not limited to Combat Medical Badge, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (Three Awards), Army Achievement Medal (Five Awards), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and Adjutant General's Meritorious Service Ribbon. Doc also graduated from the US Army First Sergeant Course and was an Honor Graduate.

Doc graduated from Liberty University, Cum Laude, in Multidisciplinary Studies with an emphasis in Business Management and Health Care Management.

After 28 years of service, multiple combat deployments, and obtaining the rank of First Sergeant, Doc retired. He then went on to work five years for the federal government. After retiring again from federal service, Doc traveled the country with his wife for three years. During that time, he attended some of the highest ranked pistol courses in the nation. These include courses instructed by Massad Ayoob, Frank Proctor, Kevin Dylus with Blue Ridge Marksmanship, the Palisade Training Group Church Security Instructor Development Course and The Sig Sauer Academy's Pistol Instructor Course. Learning from industry professionals has become a passion, and Doc continues to attend courses as often as he can.