

Carlos Caban Cruz

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Carlos Caban Cruz (affectionately known as "**Night Dragon**") (b. April 22, 1944) is retired from the United States Army. Caban was the Commanding Officer of B-Team, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), MACV-SOG Covert (CIA), during the Vietnam War.

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Carlos Caban Cruz

Born April 22, 1944



Nickname	<i>Night Dragon</i>
Place of birth	Puerto Rico
Allegiance	United States of America
Service/branch	United States Army
Years of service	1958 -
Rank	Navy Commander (CIA) Sergeant Major (FC) Lt. Colonel (FC)(Perm)
Unit	B-Team
Commands held	5th Special Forces Group (Airborne)
Battles/wars	Vietnam War Operation Desert Shield/Storm
Awards	Medal of Valor Distinguished Service Purple Heart Silver Star Bronze Star

Early Life

Born Puerto Rico.

Raised New York City.

An Uncle killed while serving during Korean War.

Relocated to Los Angeles, 1956.

Early Education

Elementary School

Middle School

Some High School

GED Graduate

Military Career

1958 United States Army

California Army National Guard
Medic

1959 United States Army

Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Combat Medic Training, MOS-91-C-30

1965 United States Army

Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Army Medical Corps
Combat Medic Training

1966 United States Army

Re-enlisted
Vietnam 101st Airborne Division
Combat Infantry Medic

1969 United States Army

Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Special Forces Training
Advanced Medical Training

Dual Status US Army / Central Intelligence Agency
CIA Agent Training

1969 Central Intelligence Agency

Vietnam
5th Special Forces Group
MACV-SOG Covert

1972 Prisoner of War

Cambodia

1990 Department of Defense

Desert Shield / Storm



Receiving A Medal



January 1, 1973: Conference held on release of POW's (including Carlos Caban Cruz) held at Loc Ninh.



Middle East: undisclosed location

Military Decorations, Badges, and Ribbons

Distinguished Service	Israeli Valor	Purple Heart	Silver Star	Bronze Star	Combat Infantry Badge	Combat Medical Badge	Master Parachutist Badge	Hurricane Katrina Ribbon
								
								

Post War Education

1984-1988 New York University at Cornell

Bachelor of Science
 Nursing
 Physician's Assistant Degree

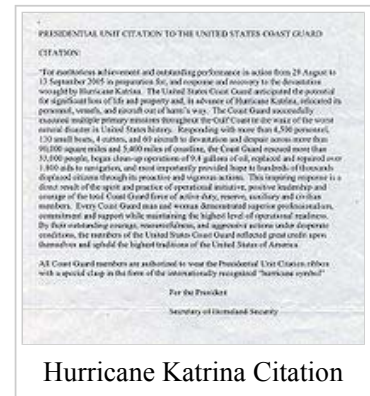
United States Coast Guard

1993 Auxileries

Commander
 Instructor

2005 Hurricane Katrina Response

Presidential Unit Citation -- beyond the call of duty night-time rescue of stranded people and animals in need of assistance.






Homeland Security

2003 Founding Member

Veterans Affairs

Active in the Veteran Community

 <p>A certificate from the Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Secretary, awarded to Carlos Cruz for his service. The certificate includes the DHS seal and the text: 'FOR PUBLISHED DISPLAY ONLY'.</p>	 <p>A photograph showing Carlos Cruz in a military uniform standing with Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca and other officials.</p>	 <p>A photograph showing Carlos Cruz in a military uniform standing with Stan Chambers, a man in a suit and tie.</p>
March 1, 2003	With Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca	With Stan Chambers

Humanitarian

Under his command in Vietnam, Caban and his team worked diligently and tirelessly to render Humanitarian Aid to those in need.

Family

Five sons have either served or are serving military duty.

External links

- Honran a los veteranos -- from laopinion, Veteran's Day 2008

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