



## Major General Charles H. Gailes, Jr

Major General Charles H. Gailes, Jr. was commissioned an Infantry Officer detailed Armor upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class OCRC 2-84 on 26 October 1984. His first duty assignment was as Tank Platoon Leader in Alpha Company, 1st of the 152nd Armor Battalion in the Alabama Army National Guard.

His subsequent assignments include: Platoon Leader, Detachment Commander, and Company Commander, 1166th Military Police Company; Assistant S3, S4, then S3 for the 231st Military Police Battalion in Prattville, Alabama; Plans Officer, Assistant Support Operations Officer, then S2/S3 for the 122nd Corps Support Group in Selma, Alabama; Commander of the 231st Military Police Battalion in Prattville, Alabama and Baghdad, Iraq; Commander, Task Force Guardian as part of Hurricane Katrina response in Mississippi; Commander of Detachment 1, 200th Material Management Center in Homewood, Alabama; Deputy Commander of the 135th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) in Homewood, Alabama; Deputy Commander, then Brigade Commander, 31st Chemical Brigade in Northport, Alabama; Commander of Task Force Tuscaloosa in response to the April 27th, 2011 tornados in Alabama; and Commander of the 167th Sustainment Command (Theater) at Fort McClellan, Alabama. His last assignment was Commander, Contingency Command Post and Task Force 51, United States Army North (ARNORTH) and Fifth United States Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

He is a graduate of The University of Alabama and his military education includes: Armor Officer Basic Course; Military Police Officer Advanced Course; Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course; Command and Services Staff School; Command and General Staff College; Advanced Joint Professional Military Education; the Dual Status Commander's Course; and the U.S. Army War College.



## **Brigadier General Walter E. Fountain**

Brigadier General Walter E. Fountain was commissioned an Infantry Branch Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 2-81 on 3 December 1981. His first duty assignment was as Platoon Leader, Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 179<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Fairfax, Oklahoma.

His subsequent duty assignments were: Student, Rotary Wing Aviation Course, Fort Rucker, AL; Pilot, Detachment 2, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, Lexington, OK; Section Commander, Detachment 1, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, Lexington, OK; S-1, Troop Command (Aviation), Lexington, OK; Platoon Leader, Company B, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 254<sup>th</sup> Aviation, Lexington, OK; Commander, Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 254<sup>th</sup> Aviation, Lexington, OK; Airfield Commander, Headquarters, State Area Command, Oklahoma City, OK; Commander, Army Aviation Support Facility, Headquarters, State Area Command, Oklahoma City, OK; S-3 Air, Headquarters, State Area Command, Oklahoma City, OK; Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 245<sup>th</sup> Aviation, Tulsa, OK; Commander, 90<sup>th</sup> Troop Command, Oklahoma City, OK; Director, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations Joint Force Headquarters, Oklahoma City, OK; Chief, National Guard Affairs, Multi-National Corps, Baghdad, Iraq; Director, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Joint Force Headquarters, Oklahoma City, OK; Assistant Adjutant General, Army Joint Force Headquarters, Oklahoma City, OK; Support Special Assistant to the Director, Army National Guard, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, VA; He is currently serving as Special Assistant to the Director, Army National Guard Liaison for Force Structure and Strategic Policy, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, VA.

His military education consists of Army Senior Executive Program: Intermediate Course; George C. Marshall Senior Executive Seminar; Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, National Security Management Course; General Officer/Senior Executive Service Force Integration Course; Level IV Anti-Terrorism Executive Seminar; United States Army War College (Correspondence); Strategic Planning and Management Course; Joint Task Force Commanders Course; Joint Forces Staff College, Joint and Combined Warfighting School.



## **Brigadier General Jon A. Jensen**

Brigadier General Jon A. Jensen was commissioned as an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 5-89 on 11 August 1989. His first duty assignment was as Platoon Leader, Company B, 1-168<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Glenwood, Iowa.

His subsequent duty assignments were: Scout Platoon Leader, Combat Support Company, 1-168<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 34<sup>th</sup> ID, Council Bluffs, IA; Commander, Company B, 1-168<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 34<sup>th</sup> ID, Glenwood, IA; Commander, Company D, 1-168<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 34<sup>th</sup> ID, Council Bluffs, IA; S1, S3 Air, and S3, 1-168<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 34<sup>th</sup> ID, Council Bluff, IA; Security Force Commander, Detachment 2, Company C, 1-168<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Operation Desert Spring, Camp Doha, Kuwait; Chief of Plans, Headquarters, 34<sup>th</sup> ID, Rosemount, MN and Operation Joint Forge, Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina; Commander, 2-135<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 34<sup>th</sup> ID, Mankato, MN; Commander, HHC Forward, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 34<sup>th</sup> ID, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Tallil, Iraq; Executive Officer, Joint Staff JFHQ-MN, Saint Paul, MN; Assistant Chief of Staff-G3, Headquarters, 34<sup>th</sup> ID, Rosemount, MN and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Multi-National Division-South and US Division-South, Basra, Iraq; Chief of Staff, Headquarters, 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Rosemount, MN; Joint Chief of Staff, JFHQ-Minnesota, St. Paul, MN; Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Brigade Combat Team, 34<sup>th</sup> ID, Bloomington, MN; Director of the Joint Staff, JFHQ-MN, St. Paul, MN. He is currently serving as Assistant Adjutant General, Joint Force Headquarters-Minnesota, St. Paul, MN.

His military education consists of: Infantry Officer Basic and Advance Courses, Combined Arms Service Staff School, Command and General Staff College, School of Advanced Military Studies, Battalion and Brigade Pre-Command Courses, US Army War College, and the Dual Status Commander Course.



## **Brigadier General Gerry Gene Thames**

Brigadier General (Ret.) Gerry Gene Thames was commissioned an Ordnance Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class E-23 on 19 July 1967. His first duty assignment was as a Platoon Leader, Company A, 801<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, KY

His subsequent duties were: Platoon Leader, Company D, 801<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Vietnam; Technical Supply Officer, Company A, 801<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Vietnam; Platoon Leader, 801<sup>st</sup> Adjutant General Replacement Company, Bartlesville, OK; Team Leader, 801<sup>st</sup> Adjutant General Replacement Company, Bartlesville, OK; Mechanical Maintenance Officer, 421<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Management Detachment, Miami, OK; Commander, 421<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Management Detachment, Miami, OK; S-4 172<sup>nd</sup> Support Group, Broken Arrow, OK; Commander, 486<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Company, Broken Arrow, OK; Commander, 323<sup>rd</sup> Maintenance Battalion, Miami, OK; Commandant, 4156<sup>th</sup> US Army Reserve Forces School, Broken Arrow, OK; Commander, 172<sup>d</sup> Support Group, Broken Arrow, OK; Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, 95<sup>th</sup> Division, Midwest City, OK; Deputy Commander, 90<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command, North Little Rock, AR.

His military education consists of Airborne School, United States Army Ordnance School and Center- Advanced Course, United States Army Command and General Staff College, National Security Management Course, Logistics Management Course, United States Army War College



## **Brigadier General Robert P. Walters, Jr**

Brigadier General Robert P. Walters, Jr. was commissioned as an Military Intelligence Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School class 5-85 on 13 December 1985. His first duty assignment was as Platoon Leader, G Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> MI Battalion, Ft. Huachuca, AZ.

His subsequent duty assignments were: Executive Officer, E Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> MI Battalion, Ft. Huachuca, AZ; Electronic Warfare Officer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Republic of Korea; Intelligence Officer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 72<sup>nd</sup> Armor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Republic of Korea; Commander, C Company, 519<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion, 525<sup>th</sup> MI Brigade (Airborne), XVIII Airborne Corps, Ft. Bragg, NC and Operations Desert Shield/Storm, Saudi Arabia; Assistant Brigade S3, 525<sup>th</sup> MI Brigade (Airborne), XVIII Airborne Corps, Ft. Bragg, NC; Assistant Battalion S2, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation regiment (Airborne) Ft. Campbell, KY; Detachment Commander, Office of Military Support, Washington DC and Operation Joint endeavor, Bosnia; Operations Officer, Office of Military Support, Washington D.C.; Instructor/Author, United States Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS; Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, United States Army Combined Arms Center, Ft. Leavenworth, KS; Chief, C-2 Observer Controller, United States Army Battle Command training Program, United States Army Combined Arms Center, Ft. Leavenworth, KS; Commander, 165<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion, 205<sup>th</sup> MI Brigade, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq; Squadron Commander, Office of Military Support, Washington D.C. and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq and Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan; Commander, 504<sup>th</sup> Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, Ft. Hood, TX and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Iraq; Director of Intelligence, J-2, Joint Special Operations Command, Ft. Bragg, NC and Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan; Deputy Director, Operations and Intelligence Integration, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, Arlington, VA; Director, Intelligence and Information (J-2), North American Aerospace Defense Command/United States Northern Command, Peterson AFB, CO.

His military education consists of: Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course; Military Intelligence Officer Advanced Course, United States Army Command and General Staff College; United States Army War College; and the British Higher Command and Staff College.



## Brigadier General Peter B. Zwack

Brigadier General (Ret.) Peter B. Zwack was commissioned as a Military Intelligence Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 001-81 on 20 March 1981. His first duty assignment was Assistant S2, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 29<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado.

His subsequent duties were: Intelligence Liaison Officer and Ground Surveillance Radar Platoon Leader, 102d Military Intelligence, 2d Infantry Division, South Korea; Collection Operations Officer, Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), Washington, DC; United States Army Foreign Area Officer Program for Russian, DIA; Defense Language Institute (Russian), Monterey, CA; Russian Institute at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany; Brigade S2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade and later G2 Plans Officer, 3d Infantry Division, Germany; Commander, A Company and later Battalion S3, 18th Military Intelligence Battalion, 66<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Brigade, Germany; Political – Military Planner, J5 Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, Joint Staff, Pentagon; Commander, 524th Military Intelligence Battalion, 501<sup>st</sup> Military Intelligence Brigade, South Korea; G2, 1st Armored Division, Germany; CJ2, NATO's Kosovo Force (KFOR); Commander, 66th Military Intelligence Group, Germany; G2, United States Army Europe (USAREUR); Director, Joint Intelligence and Operations Center - Afghanistan (JIOC-A), Deputy CJ2, International Security Assistance Force – Afghanistan, and later J2, United States Forces – Afghanistan; Director of Military Support, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA); Director of Operations, United States Army Cyber Command, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; and finally United States Senior Defense Official and Military Attaché to the Russian Federation.

His military education consists of the United States Army Ranger and Airborne Schools, the Military Intelligence Officers Basic and Advanced Courses, Defense Intelligence Agency's Post Graduate Intelligence Program, United States Army Russian Institute, United States Army Command and Staff College, and the United States Naval War College.



## Colonel William M. Chastain

Colonel William M. Chastain was commissioned as an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 4A-63 on 11 September 1963. His first duty assignment was as Communications Officer, Brigade HHQ, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, Fort Hood, TX.

His subsequent duty assignments were: Rotary Wing Aviator, 175<sup>th</sup> Aviation Company, Fort Benning, GA; Rotary Wing Aviator, Company A, 25<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion, CuChi, Vietnam; Assistant Flight Commander, Headquarters USAAVNS, Hunter Army Air Field, GA; Section Commander, Method of Instruction Branch, Headquarters USAAVNS, Hunter Army Air Field, GA; Executive Officer, 71<sup>st</sup> Aviation Company, American Division, Chu Lai, Vietnam; Commander, Company B, 82<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Battalion, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC; Executive Officer, 82<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Battalion, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC; Battalion S-3 Officer, 82<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Battalion, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC; Company Advisor, Field Team, Tehran, Iran; Assistant Chief of Staff, Transportation Corps Support Command, Fort Hood, TX; Commander, 69<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion, Camp Carrol, Korea; Deputy Director Joint Actions, Deputy Chief of Staff Logistics, Pentagon, Washington, DC; Group Commander, 34<sup>th</sup> Area Support Group, Pusan, Korea; Commander, USA Support Command Hawaii, Fort Shafter, HI; Assistant Chief of Staff G-4, Headquarters III Corps, Fort Hood, TX.

His education consists of: Rotary Wing Flight School, Instruments Methods of Instruction Rotary Wing; Fixed Wing Qualification Course, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, US Army Commanding Generals Staff Course, Airborne, Army War College, Senior Executive FEL Harvard.



## Colonel Timothy J. Chmura

Colonel Timothy J. Chmura was commissioned as a Military Police Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 1-87 on 20 February 1987. His first duty assignment was as a Platoon Leader, 58<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

His subsequent duty assignments were: Battalion S4 (Logistical Officer) Schofield Barracks MP BN Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Company Commander Schofield Barracks MP CO, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Advanced Course Manager, HQ Co, 701<sup>st</sup> Military Police BN, Fort McClellan, Alabama; Advanced Course Manager, HQ CO A 701<sup>st</sup> Military Police BN, Fort McClellan, AL; LT Assignment Officer, USA Personnel Command Alexandria Virginia; Captains Assignment Officer USA Personnel Command Alexandria Virginia; Commander, Protective Services Unit (CID), Fort Belvoir Virginia; Provost Marshal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Army, Central Command, Camp Doha Kuwait; Battalion S3 and Battalion XO, 759<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion, Fort Carson Colorado; Secretary of the General Staff, HQ, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Carson CO; Military Police Personnel Officer, Army G1, Pentagon; Battalion Commander, Washington Battalion, USACIDC, Ft Myer, VA; Director, Border and Ports, Civilian Police Assistance Training Team (CPATT), Baghdad Iraq; G3 Planner, Office of the Chief of Staff Army, Pentagon; Brigade Commander, 701<sup>st</sup> Military Police Group, Criminal Investigative Command, Quantico, VA; Deputy Commander, Criminal Investigation Command, Quantico, VA. He is currently serving as the Deputy Director of the Defense Forensics & Biometrics Agency, Arlington, VA.

His education consists of: MP Officer Basic Course, MP Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, and National War College.

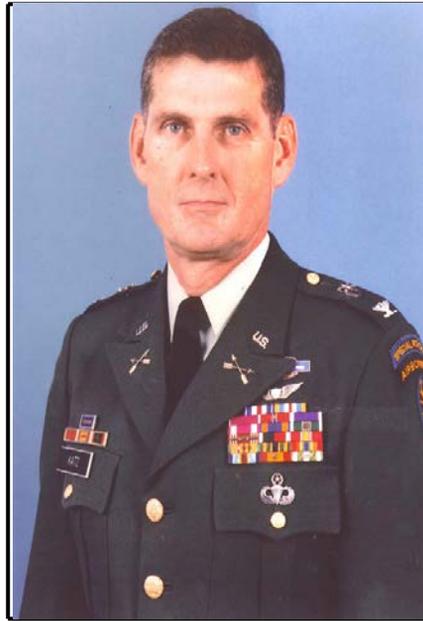


## Colonel William E. Davenport II

Colonel William E. Davenport II was commissioned as a Field Artillery Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 4-92 on 25 September 1992. His first duty assignment was as Firing Platoon Leader, Charlie Battery, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery, Fort Sill, OK.

Colonel Davenport's subsequent duty assignments were: Battery Executive Officer, Charlie Battery 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery, Fort Sill OK; Battalion Liaison Officer and S4, HQ Service Battery, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery, Fort Sill OK; Assistant Battalion S3, HQ Battery 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion 27<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, Baumholder, GE; G3 Plans Officer, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division FWD, Tuzla Bosnia; Battery Commander, A Battery 94<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, Baumholder, GE; Observer Controller Trainer and Battalion S3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 305<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, Camp Shelby MS; Effects Coordinator, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Artillery, Fort Hood Texas; BDE Fire Support Officer, 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Hood Texas and Taji Iraq; Battalion XO and Battalion S3, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion 20<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery, Fort Hood, Texas and Baghdad Iraq; Force Management Officer and Deputy Defense Synchronization, US Army North, Fort Sam Houston TX; Battalion Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 40<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, Fort Sill OK; Deputy Brigade Commander, 434<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Sill, OK; and III Corps, Fort Hood TX, where he is currently serving as III Corps Chief of Fires.

His education consists of: Officer Candidate School, Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, Multiple Launch Rocket Systems Cadre Course, Airborne School, NBC School, Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms Service Staff School, and the US Army Command and General Staff College.

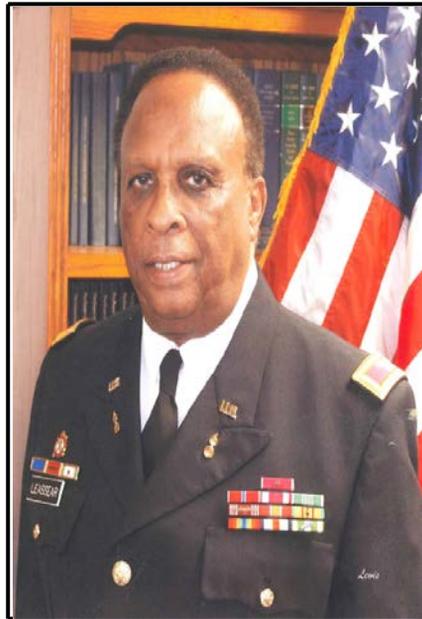


## Colonel Darrell W. Katz

Colonel (Ret.) Darrel W. Katz was commissioned an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 8-65 on 15 September 1965. His first duty assignment was as Tactical Officer, 6<sup>th</sup> Student Battalion, Infantry OCS, Fort Benning, GA.

His subsequent duty assignments were: Commander, 14<sup>th</sup> Company, Vietnamese Mobile Strike Force, I Corps, 5<sup>th</sup> SFGA, Republic of Vietnam; Commander, Company A, 2/325<sup>th</sup> Airborne Infantry, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC; Executive Officer, Company D, 10th Aviation Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Brigade; Operations Officer, 71<sup>st</sup> Assault Helicopter Company, 11<sup>th</sup> Aviation Brigade, Wertheim, Germany. Commander, ODA 6, Detachment A, Berlin Brigade, US Army, Berlin, Germany; Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group, Bad Toelz, Germany; Operations Division Chief, Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, FL; Commander, 7<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Support Command, US Army Europe; Director of Operations, US Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, NC; Deputy Director of Operations, US Special Operations Command. Following retirement, he has remained actively engaged in the Special Forces and veteran's community through active participation in the Special Forces Association having served as Veterans' Affairs Officer and past President of Chapter LX. He is also actively involved with the Disabled Veterans of America serving as a volunteer Service Officer, assisting veterans and surviving spouses in pursuit of veteran's benefits.

His education consists of: Officer Candidate School, Airborne School, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Special Forces Officers Qualification Course, Army Rotary Wing Aviator School, Command and Staff General College, United States Army War College.

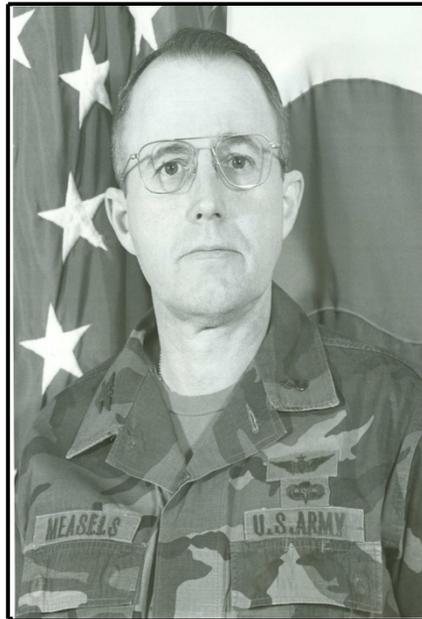


## Colonel Leonard A. Leassear

Colonel Leonard A. Leassear was commissioned as an Ordnance Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 01-66 on 13 JUN 1966.

His duty assignments include: Platoon Leader and Company Commander in the Republic of South Korea from 1967-68; Company Commander 79<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Battalion, Long Binh, Vietnam from 1971-72; Secretary of the General Staff, U.S. Army Material and Readiness Command, Alexandria, Virginia from 1976-79; U.S. Army Inspector General Agency, Washington, D.C. from 1981-82; 702<sup>nd</sup> Maintenance Battalion Commander, U.S. Army 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, Camp Casey, South Korea from 1981-82; Chief of Surveillance Division, U.S. Army Material Command, Alexandria, Virginia from 1984-85; Division Support Command Commander, U.S. Army Headquarters, Camp Casey, South Korea from 1985-86; Director of Maintenance, Tank and Automotive Command, Warren, Michigan from 1986-88. From 1988 to his retirement in 1990, Colonel Leassear served as the Logistics Division Chief at the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington D.C. Upon retiring from the military, he joined a logistics system engineering firm, Innovative Logistics Techniques (Innolog), in Reston, Virginia as a Program Manager. He worked at the firm for 13 years and departed as a Senior Vice President for Army Programs in 2003. He is currently residing with his wife Betty in Missouri City, Texas where he works with several philanthropic organizations.

His military education consists of: Officer Candidate Course, Maintenance Officer Course, Command and Central Staff College, Defense System Management College for Program Management Course, Industrial College for the Armed Forces and the Carnegie Mellon School of Management. His military awards include: Legion of Merit w/one oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, 3 Vietnam Service Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Vietnam Campaign Medal and Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Decoration.



## Colonel David A. Measels

Colonel (Ret.) David A. Measels was commissioned as Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School in 1963.

His duty assignments include: commanding three Army companies, two battalions, and a brigade level 2nd Infantry Division Support Command in Korea. As an Army helicopter pilot, he accumulated almost 2500 hours of helicopter flight time of which 1600 were combat hours in Vietnam and 600 hours were as an instructor pilot in Vietnam and at Fort Wolters, Texas. He retired his Army career as an Ordnance Corps officer with the rank of colonel in 1992. COL David A. Measels died July 26, 2014 in Gainesville, Florida. He is survived by wife of over 46 years, Kim Phung Measels; his eldest son, Drew Thanh Measels and his wife Kristi, both residents of South Jordan, Utah. In the civil sector, he worked as a senior logistics analyst for three different defense contractors located in the National Capital Region until he retired from Science Applications International Corporation in 2001.

His military education includes: Officer Candidate Course, US Army Primary Helicopter School, Fort Wolters, TX, Command and General Staff Course .



## Colonel Charles W. Narburgh

Colonel (Ret.) Charles Narburgh was commissioned as a Military Intelligence Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 23-67 on 17 APR 1967. His first duty assignment was as Operations Officer, 856<sup>th</sup> US Army Security Agency Detachment, 199<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, III Corps, Viet Nam.

His subsequent duty assignments included Control and Analysis Platoon Leader, 303d USASA Battalion, II Field Force Viet Nam; Special Intelligence Liaison Officer, MACV IV Corps HQ, Viet Nam; Defense Intelligence Agency Special Security Officer New York and Intelligence Advisor to the US Ambassador to the UN; Mission Control Director, Company Commander, Assistant S-3 for Plans and Security, and, Management Information Systems Officer, USASA Field Station Augsburg, Germany; Chief of Personnel, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, HQDA; member of a small special DoD HUMINT study group; Commander, 524<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion (HUMINT/CI), Korea; Commander, ROTC Wolverine Battalion, University of Michigan; Joint Service Fellow and Adjunct Instructor at the USAF Senior Service College and CINC Red Threat at the Joint War Gaming Center, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL; Security, Plans and Operations Officer and a Senior MI Planner for Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, HQ US Army Europe, Heidelberg, Germany; and, Senior US Intelligence Officer/Deputy G-2, Central Army Group, NATO, Heidelberg, Germany.

His military education consists of the Defense Language Institute, Monterey, CA (Vietnamese); Infantry OCS, Ft. Benning, GA; MI Officer Basic Course (Signals Intelligence), Ft. Devens, MA; MI Officer Advanced Course, Ft. Huachuca, AZ; National Security Management Course, Industrial College of the Armed Forces; US Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS; National Senior Cryptologic Course, National Security Agency, Ft. Meade, MD; USAF Senior Service College, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, AL; Company and Battalion Commander Courses; and numerous other courses in intelligence, military and civilian personnel management, and automation (hardware and software). His civilian education includes an A.A.S. degree from Rochester, NY, Institute of Technology; B.S. in Business Administration (Management Information Systems), Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ; MBA, University of Utah (Munich, Germany); and, Boston University EdM program (Heidelberg, Germany).



## **Colonel Joseph R. Novack Jr.**

Colonel Joseph R. Novack Jr. was commissioned as a Field Artillery Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 1-90. His first duty assignment was as a Fire Support Officer in Charlie Company, 3-187<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division and Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Fort Campbell, KY.

His subsequent duty assignments were: Executive Officer, 227<sup>th</sup> Supply Company, 129<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Battalion; Commander, Headquarters and Alpha Company, 407<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC; Executive Officer, 10<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY/Kandahar, Afghanistan; Support Operations Officer, 210<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion, Fort Drum, NY/Kabul, Afghanistan; Commander, Supply and Service Troop, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta, Fort Bragg, NC; Commander, 10<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY/Kirkuk, Iraq; Commander, 3d Sustainment Brigade, 3d Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, GA/Kandahar, Afghanistan. He is currently the Deputy Commander, Capabilities, Development, Integration, Combined Army Support Command, Fort Lee, VA.

His military education includes the Field Artillery OBC, QM Transition Course, CLOAC, CGSOC, Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF), Aerial Delivery and Material Officer Course, Airborne, Air Assault, Pathfinder, and Jumpmaster Courses. He is a graduate from the University of Maryland with a B.S. in Management, and he holds an MBA from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and M.S. in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University. He is also an Afghanistan/Pakistan (AFPAK) Hands Fellow.



## Colonel Ralph Puckett

Colonel (Ret.) Ralph Puckett has been a significant contributor to Officer Candidate School for years. Since 2013, he has spoken to every graduating class, providing them with inspiration, encouragement, and mentorship.

He was an inaugural inductee into the United States Army Ranger Hall of Fame in 1992 for extraordinary valor and distinguished service as a Ranger qualified leader. He formed, trained, and commanded the Eighth Army Ranger Company in Korea as a second and, later, first lieutenant. He earned the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions on November 25-26, 1950, when he successfully lead his 51 Rangers against numerically superior Chinese forces and established defensive positions on the captured objective. Following the Korean War, he served as the Commander of the Mountain Ranger Division of the Ranger Department. As the first Ranger Advisor in the U.S. Army Mission to Colombia, he planned and established the Colombian Army *Escuela de Lanceros* (Ranger School). He commanded "B" and "C" teams in the 10th Special Forces Group in Germany in 1960-63.

He was awarded a second Distinguished Service Cross in the Republic of Vietnam. He has also been awarded the Cross of Gallantry with Palm from the Republic of Vietnam and the Lancero Medal and Order of Merit from Colombia. In 2001, he was awarded the United States Special Operations Command Medal for his outstanding contributions to Special Operations. He was awarded the Decoration for Distinguished Civilian Service in 2008.

He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy class of 1949 and has a Master's Degree in Personnel Administration from George Washington University. His military education includes the Command and General Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College, and Army War College. His military training includes Airborne, Jumpmaster, Ranger, Glider, Special Forces, Jungle Warfare, Winter Training, SCUBA, Skiing, and Lancero (Colombian Army) Courses.



## Colonel Christopher N. Riga

Colonel Christopher N. Riga enlisted in the U.S. Army in August 1987 following graduation from Columbia University, and served as an infantryman in the 82nd Airborne Division. In September 1991, Col. Riga attended Officer Candidate School. He was commissioned as an Infantry Second Lieutenant upon Graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 01-92 on 30 January 1992, and served as a Platoon Leader and Executive Officer in the 82nd Airborne Division and the 75th Ranger Regiment.

In 1998, Col. Riga graduated from the Special Forces Qualification Course and was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (A). He served as a Detachment Commander and Assistant S-3 from 1998 to 2002. Col. Riga then attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., and the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Ks.

After graduating from CGSC, Col. Riga returned to 3rd Special Forces Group (A). He served as the Bravo Company Commander and Operations Officer for 3rd Battalion from 2004 to 2006, and as the Group Operations Officer and CJSOTF Deputy J-3 from 2006 to 2007. Col. Riga was then assigned to the United States Army Special Operations Command where he served as the DCS G3 Executive Officer, and as the Assistant Chief of Staff. From August 2009 to July 2011, Col. Riga served as the Battalion Commander, 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (A). During that time, he served as the Special Operations Task Force-South Commander, Kandahar, Afghanistan, from September 2010 to April 2011.

Following command, Col. Riga served as the Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Army from July 2011 to June 2012. Col. Riga graduated from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government as an Army War College Fellow. Col. Riga was assigned as the 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne) Commander in July of 2013 and most recently served as the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force Commander - Afghanistan from November 2013 to August 2014. Col. Riga has served in combat in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, multiple rotations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also served with the Multinational Force and Observers while assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, in Operation Safehaven while assigned to the Ranger Regiment, and Operation Joint Forge as a Detachment Commander.

Col. Riga's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal for Valor with three oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal for Valor with four oak leaf clusters, and other achievement, service and foreign awards. He has earned the Combat Infantryman Badge (two awards), Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger Tab and Special Forces Tab.



## Colonel Gerald L. Schumacher

Colonel (Ret) Gerald L. Schumacher was commissioned an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 36-67 on 22 June 1967. His first duty assignment was as Platoon Leader, Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 36<sup>th</sup> Mechanized Infantry, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Armor Division, Kirchgoens, Germany.

His subsequent duties include: Commander, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 36th Mechanized Infantry, 1st Brigade, 3rd Armored Division. Kirchgoens, Germany; Mobile Advisory Team Leader, Team 52, Advisory Team 46, Khanh Hoa Province, Vietnam; District Senior Advisor, Advisory Team 46, Dien Khanh District, II Corps, Vietnam; Commander, Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade, Fort Ord, CA; Training Officer, Recruiting Management Division, Headquarters U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Sheridan, IL; Commander, Service Company, 12th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Arlington Heights, IL; Commander, 3rd Battalion, 12th Special Forces Group, (Airborne). Hamilton Field, CA; Division Operations Officer G3, 91st Division Exercise, Fort Baker, CA; Commander, 5th Brigade, 85th Division Exercise, Fort Snelling, MN; Chief of Staff, 85th Division Exercise, Arlington Heights, IL; Team Chief, RC Observer Controller Team, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA. He is currently an author and photographer. His published books include *To Be a U.S. Army Green Beret* and *A Bloody Business, American War Zone Contractors and the Occupation of Iraq*.

He is a graduate of the University of Miami. His military education consists of Infantry Officer Candidate School, Regional and Popular Forces Advisors Course, Basic Airborne Course, Infantry Officer Advance Course, Defense Race Relations Institute, RC Special Forces Qualification Course, Canadian Forces Parachute School, Jumpmaster Course, Command and General Staff College.



## Colonel David T. Theisen

Colonel David T. Theisen was commissioned as an Engineer Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 5-85 on 13 December 1985. His first duty assignment was as Platoon Leader for 16<sup>th</sup> EN Battalion, B Company, 1<sup>st</sup> AD, Furth, Germany.

His subsequent duty assignments were: Assistant S4, EN BN, 1<sup>st</sup> AD, Furth, Germany; Executive Officer, EN BN, 1<sup>st</sup> AD, Furth, Germany; Civil Engineer, 293<sup>rd</sup> EN BN, HHC, 18<sup>th</sup> EN Brigade, Baumholder, Germany; Commander, 293<sup>rd</sup>/40<sup>th</sup> EN BN, B CO, 18<sup>th</sup> EN Brigade, Baumholder, Germany; Battalion S3, 1<sup>st</sup> EN BN HHC, Fort Riley, KS/Bosnia; BN Operations Officer, 1<sup>st</sup> EN BN HHC, Fort Riley, KS; Deputy Commander, 937<sup>th</sup> EN HHC Combat Group, Fort Riley, KS; Battalion Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> EN BN, Fort Riley, KS/Tikrit, Iraq; Director CEHC, 1<sup>st</sup> EN Brigade; Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> MVR Enhancement Brigade, Fort Polk, LA; He is currently serving as the Assistant Commandant, USAES, 1<sup>st</sup> EN BDE, Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

His military education consists of: Officer Candidate School, Engineer Officer Basic Course, Junior Officer Maintenance Course, Engineer Advanced Course, Combined Arms Services, Staff School, Command and General Staff College, and USA War College



## Colonel Samuel E. Whitehurst

Colonel Sam Whitehurst was commissioned as an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 3-90 on 1 June 1990. His first duty assignment was as Platoon Leader, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA.

His subsequent duty assignments include: Commander, C Company, 2-14 IN, Fort Drum, NY; Maneuver Observer/Controller, Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, LA; Chief of Plans (G3), 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI; Battalion Executive Officer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 27th Infantry, Schofield Barracks, HI; Brigade S-3, Brigade Executive Officer, and Brigade Deputy Commander, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI; Battalion Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Schofield Barracks, HI; G3, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI; Brigade Senior Trainer, Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, LA; Brigade Commander, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY; he is currently assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

His deployments include Bosnia-Herzegovina, two deployments to Afghanistan, and two deployments to Iraq.

His military education consists of: Officer Candidate School, Infantry Officer Basic Course, Airborne School, Ranger School, Armor Officers Advanced Course, the Command and General Staff College, the School of Advanced Military Studies, and the National War College.



## Colonel Anthony K. Whitson

Colonel Anthony K. Whitson was commissioned as an Ordnance Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 3-90 on 01 June 1990. His first duty assignment was as Automotive and Armament Platoon Leader, B Company, 101<sup>st</sup> Forward Support Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS.

His subsequent duty assignments were: Shop Officer and SPO Maintenance Officer, 101<sup>st</sup> FWD Support Battalion, Fort Riley, KS; Aide-de-camp, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS; Brigade Adjutant, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI; Commander, 325<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion, Schofield Barracks, HI; S3 Battalion, 725<sup>th</sup> Main Support Battalion, Schofield Barracks, HI; Executive Officer, Army Material Command, Alexandria, VA; Assignment Officer, PERSCOM, Alexandria, VA; Material Officer, 101<sup>st</sup> DISCOM, Fort Campbell, KY; Support Operations Officer and Executive Officer, 426<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion, Fort Campbell, KY; Support Operations Officer, 101<sup>st</sup> Sustainment Brigade, Fort Campbell, KY; Joint Logistics Officer, USCENTCOM, Tampa, FL; Battalion Commander, 801<sup>st</sup> Support Battalion, Fort Campbell, KY/OEF; Division G4/J4, 101<sup>st</sup>, Fort Campbell, KY/OEF. He is currently serving as Commander, 43<sup>rd</sup> Sustainment Brigade, Fort Carson, CO.

His education consists of: Officer Candidate School, Airborne, Air Assault, Ranger, Ordnance Basic Officer Course, Combined Logistics Advanced Course, Combined Arms Services Staff School, Support Operations Phase Course, Naval War College, Joint and Combined War fighting Course and Army War College.



## Colonel Gregory K. Williams

Colonel (Ret.) Gregory K. Williams was commissioned as a Military Intelligence Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 5-83 on 13 January 1984. His first duty assignment was as the Assistant Brigade Intelligence Officer, S2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, KY.

His subsequent duty assignments include: Battalion S2, 3-187<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, KY; Intelligence Officer, Individual Ready Reserve, St. Louis, MO; Staff Intelligence Officer, J2, Forces Command, Fort McPherson, GA; Operations Officer, Forces Command G3, Fort McPherson, GA; Chief, MI Support Element, G2, US Army Reserve Command, Atlanta, GA; Brigade Operations Officer, S3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 91<sup>st</sup> Division, March AFB, CA; Military Intelligence Operations Officer, Office of Chief of the Army Reserve, Army Pentagon, Washington, DC; Commander, 321<sup>st</sup> Military Intelligence, Fort Hood, TX; Director of Training, G7, MI Readiness Command, Fort Gillem, GA; Director of Reserve MI Programs and Director of Resources for the ISR Task Force, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Pentagon, Washington, DC; Deputy Commander, Military Intelligence Readiness Command, Fort Belvoir, VA; Division Chief, Intelligence Resources, CJ2, ISAF, Kabul, Afghanistan; G2 of the Army Reserve, Army Pentagon, Washington, DC. He is retired and is currently an Associate with Booz Allen Hamilton as an Intelligence Operations Specialist at the AR Intelligence Support Center near Atlanta, GA.

He is a graduate of the University of West Georgia where he earned a BA and MA in history. He also holds a Master's of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. His military education consists of Military Intelligence Officer's Basic Course, Air Assault School, Electronic Warfare Staff Officers Course, Intelligence Officer's Advance Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Force Development Officers Course, Command and General Staff College, Information Operations Courses, Joint Planning Course, Operational and Contract Support Courses, and the Army War College.



## Lieutenant Colonel Christopher C. Bresko

Lieutenant Colonel Christopher C. Bresko was commissioned as an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 001-95 on 27 January 1995.

His subsequent duty assignments were: Platoon Leader, B/1-27 IN, 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Schofield Barracks, HI; Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer A/1-21 IN, 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Schofield Barracks, HI; Battalion S1 1-21 IN, 25<sup>th</sup> ID, Schofield Barracks, HI; Company Commander, B/1-32 IN, 10 MTN DIV, Fort Drum, NY/Vitina, Kosovo; Observer Controller, Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, LA/Baghdad, Iraq; Provincial Lead Mentor, Afghan National Police, Urzgan Province, Afghanistan; Battalion Operations Officer/Executive Officer, 1-87 IN, 10<sup>th</sup> MTN DIV, Fort Drum, NY/Kunduz, Afghanistan; Battalion Executive Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Special Troops Battalion, Fort Drum, NY; Deputy Division G3, 10<sup>th</sup> MTN DIV, Fort Drum, NY; Deputy Brigade Commander, 192d Infantry Brigade, Fort Benning, GA; Battalion Commander, 2d Battalion, 47<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Fort Benning, GA.

His education consists of: Officer Candidate School, the Special Forces Qualification Course, Airborne, Jump Master, Free Fall, Free Fall Jump Master, Air Assault, Pathfinder, Infantry Basic Officer Leadership Course, MCCC, Infantry Mortar Leaders Course, Combined Arms Staff and Service School, Military Transition Team Course, Naval College of Command and General Staff.



## **Lieutenant Colonel Louis C. Fedak**

Lieutenant Colonel Fedak was commissioned as an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 13-70 on 5 JUN 1970. His first duty assignment was as an Instructor, Company Tactics Committee, USAIS, Fort Benning, GA.

His subsequent duty assignments include: Platoon Leader, C Co, 1st Bn, 7th CAV, 1st CAV Division (AM) USARPAC, RVN; Detachment Commander, Co B, 1st Bn, 5th Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, NC; Commander, B Co, 1st BN, 508th IN, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC; Intelligence Officer, Frontal Ops Section, Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, DC; Chief, Tactics Branch, Warsaw Pact Division, US Army Intelligence Threat and Analysis Center, Washington, DC; Chief, Soviet/East European Division, US Army Intelligence Threat and Analysis Center, Washington, DC; Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty Inspector, On-Site Inspection Agency, Washington, DC; Defense Attaché Division - Soviet Union, Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, DC.

His military education includes: Attaché Class 9003, Armed Forces Staff College, US Army Russian Institute, Special Forces Officer Course, and Jumpmaster Course.



## **Captain Melvin Pender, Jr.**

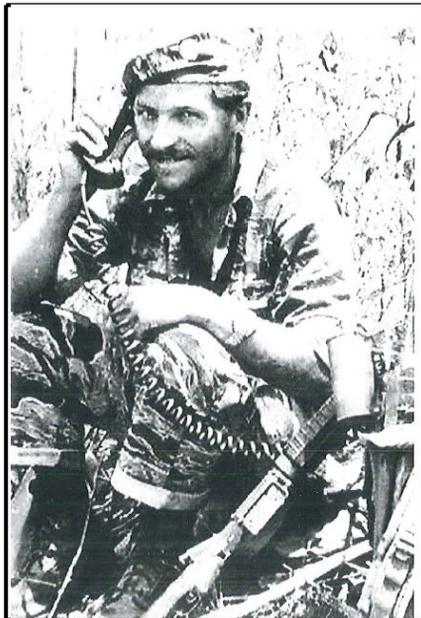
Captain Melvin Pender was commissioned as an Infantry Officer upon graduation of Officer Candidate School on 21 JUN 1966.

Upon completion of Officer Candidate School, CPT Pender served two tours in Vietnam with the 9<sup>th</sup> Division 1966-1967, again in 1969-1970 with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne and also in the CIA under Ambassador Colby. Upon completion of his tours to Vietnam he received the Bronze Star and numerous other medals. Prior to his second tour he assumed command of a company in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC.

In 1964, at the age of 27, he competed in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo as a sprinter. CPT Pender was pulled out of combat in Vietnam in 1967 in order to compete in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City. He earned a Gold Medal in the 4x100 meter relay. He still holds World Records in the 50, 60 and 70-yard dash, and once held the record in the 100-meter dash.

After retirement, Dr. Pender has had successful careers in sports administration and management including: Director of community affairs and President of the Atlanta Hawks Foundation, Regional Director for the National Association of Home Builders, and serviced on the board of directors of the United States Sports Academy.

Dr. Pender is married to Rev. Deborah Pender and is currently in process of completing his autobiography titled "Expression of Hope: The Mel Pender Story".



## **Captain Heinz K. Roesch**

Captain Heinz K. Roesch (KIA, RVN, 14SEPT1971). was commissioned as an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 44-67 on 01 August 1967. He also received his U.S. Citizenship on 01 August 1967.

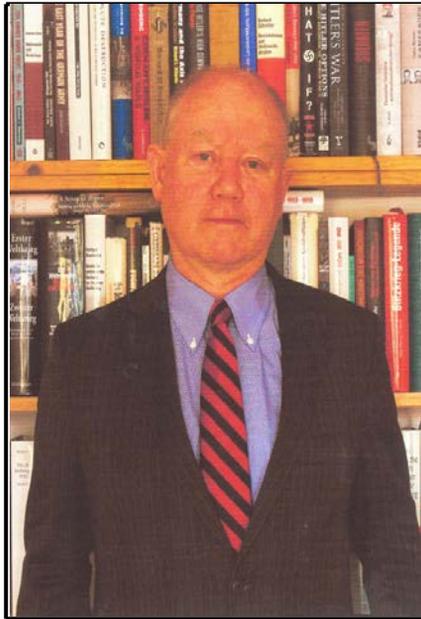
His subsequent duty assignments were: Adviser to a Mobile Strike Force Platoon, Company D, 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces, Nui Coto Mountain, Republic of Vietnam; Senior Provincial Reconnaissance Unit Advisor, Company D, 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces, Kontum Province, Republic of Vietnam; Commander, Company D, 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces, Republic of Vietnam.

His awards include: The Bronze Star Medal For Heroism (Four Oak Leaf Clusters) with "V" Device; Award of The Air Medal; The Purple Heart.

His military education consists of the Parachutist Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Good Conduct Medal, German Ranger Tab, Expert Infantryman Badge, National Defense Service Medal, VSH, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/ Device, Combat Infantry Badge, PH, VN Parachutist Badge, Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device, Air Medal, 3 Overseas Service Bars, VN Cal Cross, UN Civilian Art Medal

His military campaigns consist of the Vietnam counteroffensive Phase III, Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase IV, Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase V, TET Counteroffensive, TET '69' counteroffensive, Vietnam Summer-Fall 69, Unnamed Campaign.

He was Killed in Action on 14 SEPT1971, while serving in the Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam. He is honored on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Panel 2W, Row 16.



## First Lieutenant Bernard M.B. Knox

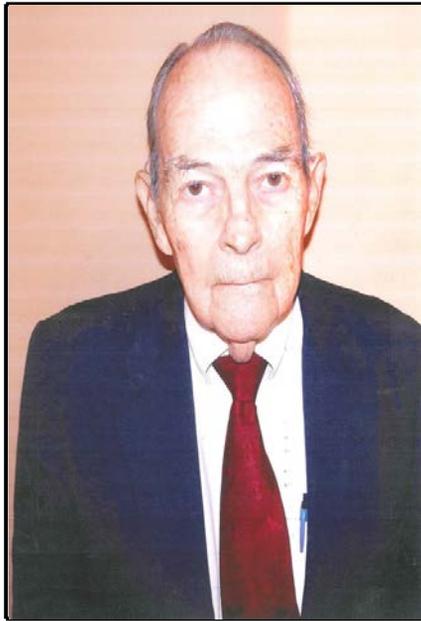
First Lieutenant Bernard Knox was commissioned as an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 516-68 on 20 SEP 1968. His first duty assignment was as S1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 508<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC.

His subsequent duty assignments were: Platoon Leader, B/2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 508<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC; Platoon Leader, A/2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 503<sup>rd</sup> Infantry, 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade, Republic of Vietnam; Executive Officer, A/2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 503<sup>rd</sup> Infantry, 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade, Republic of Vietnam; Operations Officer, G3 Operations Division, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, NC.

His civilian education includes: a BA from Harvard College in 1967, a MA in History from Yale University in 1972, and a PhD in History from Yale University in 1977.

His civilian career is highlighted by fellowships at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in 1982 and the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ in 1988. He is Stevenson Professor of International History *emeritus* at the London School of Economics and Political Science in London, UK.

His many works include *Mussolini Unleashed, 1939-1941*, *Hitler's Italian Allies*, and, with Williamson Murray, *The Making of Strategy: Rulers, States, and War* and *The Dynamics of Military Revolution, 1300-2050*.



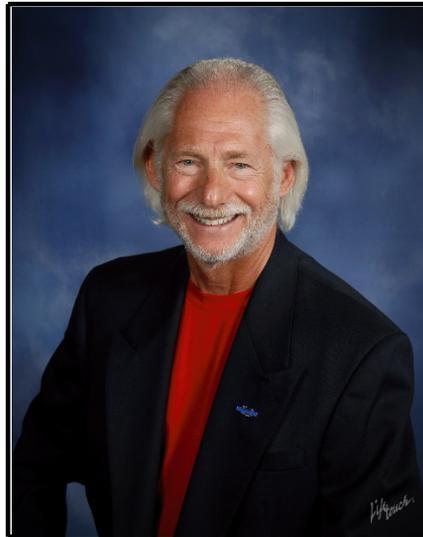
## **First Lieutenant Milton M. McPherson**

First Lieutenant Milton McPherson was commissioned as an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 16-52 on 26 JUN 1952. His first duty assignment was as Commanding Officer, H Company, 61<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment, Fort Jackson, SC.

His subsequent duty assignments include: Commanding Officer, H Company, 61<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment, Fort Jackson, SC. The conclusion of the Korean Conflict allowed Dr. McPherson to receive an Honorable Discharge in August 1953.

He is the author of *The Ninety Day Wonders: OCS and the Modern American Army*, the preeminent work explaining the origin and evolution of the OCS concept during and after World War I. He has also authored 40 scholarly articles and edited *Timeless Moments: Essays in American History*.

His civilian education includes: BA, MA, and PhD in History from the University of Alabama in 1950, 1956, and 1959 respectively. He completed Post Doctoral Studies at the University of Virginia in 1977.



## First Lieutenant John R. Milam

First Lieutenant John R. Milam was commissioned as an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 20-69 on 20 JUN 1969. His first duty assignment was as Executive Officer, Headquarters Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

His subsequent duty assignments were: Mobile Advisory Team Leader 38, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, Pleiku Province, Republic of Vietnam; Assistant Mobile Advisory Team Leader 38, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, Pleiku Province, Republic of Vietnam.

His military education consists of: Defense Language Institute (Vietnamese Language), John F. Kennedy School for Special Warfare; Airborne Training School.

He is currently serving as Associate Professor, Military History, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas where he has taught for nine years. 1LT Milam earned his Ph.D. in Military History at the University of Houston in 2004. Dr. Milam is the author of *Not a Gentleman's War: An Inside View of Junior Officers in the Vietnam War*. As a Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Milam was assigned to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and taught "The History of U.S. Foreign Policy" to Vietnamese students in the spring of 2012. Upon completion of his service in Vietnam, Dr. Milam spent nearly 25 years in the Oil & Gas industry and eventually attained the position of Senior Vice President. He currently serves on the Content Advisory Committee writing the history of the Vietnam War for the new Education Center at the Wall in Washington D.C. He also serves on the David Westphall Veterans Foundation which collaborates in the operation of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial State Park in Angel Fire, New Mexico.