

## **Colonel George J. Compton (Class 26B-67)**

Colonel Compton entered Military Service in 1966 and graduated from the Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill Oklahoma on July 11, 1967.

He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and has a bachelor's degree from Ventura College and a master's degree from the Florida Institute of Technology.

He served in the United States Army for twenty-seven years, retiring with the rank of Colonel. He commanded soldiers in Alaska, Vietnam, Germany, Korea, and Panama. He commanded the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Field Artillery at Fort Sill and commanded the United States Southern Command's deployable Joint Task Force, during the invasion of Panama. His final assignment was as president of a physical evaluation board.

His awards and decorations include the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, The Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal, and the Purple Heart.

Colonel Compton was appointed as a veteran's service officer for Ventura County California in December 2000 and served in that position for ten years.

He served for many years as the Ventura County Representative to the VA Greater Los Angeles Community Advisory Board. He is a past president of the California Association of Veteran Service Officers and was the "Veterans Advisor," providing information to veterans and their families.

As Veterans Service Officer he was responsible for providing services to the 60,000 veterans in Ventura County. His office assisted veterans in applying for benefits from the Department of Veteran Affairs, the State Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as with other federal, state, and local agencies.