

## **Colonel James D. Crabbe (Class 6-69)**

Colonel Crabbe graduated from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California and was drafted into the Army on June 6, 1968. He graduated from the Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma on April 1, 1969.

He was a graduate of the Army War College. He specialized in international relations and worked in conjunction with foreign allies on the contingency planning for World War III. During his 27-year military career he was deployed worldwide serving in Korea, Italy, Germany and the Netherlands.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Oak-Leaf Clusters.

Following his retirement at Fort Lewis, Washington in 1995, Colonel Crabbe went to work at a local community college and was soon promoted to Vice President of Instruction. In 1999 he became the Director of Workforce Education for the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) serving thirty-four community colleges in the state. At the time of his death on January 28, 2018 he was serving as the Deputy Director of the SBCTC.