

Colonel Byron K. Dean (Class 12-65)

Colonel Dean enlisted in the Army in 1961 and served a tour in Europe as an intelligence analyst. He attended Artillery Officer Candidate School and graduated as a Second Lieutenant on November 23, 1965, and then completed the Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course. Through hard work, a selfless devotion to duty, and strong commitment to excellence, he advanced to positions of senior leadership and great responsibility in Military Intelligence. Colonel Dean fought for, and was given, responsibilities and opportunities to directly influence the direction and success of Army Intelligence in the 1990s. He made significant contributions with a lasting impact. Colonel Dean had combat experience in Vietnam, served in three Infantry Divisions, and through self-study and determination became an expert in tactics, techniques, and procedures for tactical, operational, and strategic-level intelligence operations.

He commanded at every level from Lieutenant through Colonel and served in positions of great importance at the Component, Joint, and Combined levels. Because of his outstanding reputation as a leader, mentor, and technically competent MI soldier, he was hand-picked to serve as Commander, 650th MI Group (1987-1989); the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army (1989-1990); and Chief of Staff, US Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) (1990-1992). As his last assignment, he was selected as the first non-general officer to serve as Deputy Commander, INSCOM.

During his last five years in the Army, Colonel Dean contributed to numerous endeavors that helped Army Intelligence make the transition from a single threat focused force to a lean, highly mobile combat ready force that could respond rapidly worldwide to meet any threat. Colonel Dean was one of the primary authors of MI 2000. He made key recommendations on the MI task organization and product support by MI forces for Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM; led the effort to reorganize and revitalize Army Human Intelligence; supervised the transition of Army Signals Intelligence from fixed station to regionally focused operations; and played a major role in the downsizing of INSCOM, yet preserving the critical capabilities and skills required to support the Warfighter.

Colonel Dean retired in 1995. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters). He was inducted into the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame in 1999.