

## **Brigadier General Joseph J. Leszczynski (Class 45-53)**

Brigadier General Leszczynski was drafted into the Army on November 5, 1952 and graduated from Artillery Officer Candidate School Class 45-53 on December 1, 1953.

He completed the Command and General Staff College in 1968, after a tour as Assistant G1, XVII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, NC. In 1968-69 he commanded the 3rd Battalion, 319th Airborne Artillery, 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam. During 1969-70 he commanded the 1st Airborne Artillery Battalion, 320th Artillery, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC.

General Leszczynski he served on the Army Staff at the Pentagon with the Army and the Joint Plans Branch, Plans Division OCRD (Office, Chief of Research and Development). He was recognized for his research and development activities on a new system to bore site howitzers that resulted in a revolutionary change in the procedure going back to a method used in the Civil War.

Following assignments as Commander, U.S Army Training Device Agency, and executive officer to the Deputy Commanding General for Material Acquisition, HQ, Department of Army Materiel Development & Readiness Command, (DARCOM) he served as the U.S. Army project manager for Training Devices (PM TRADE). During 1976 he was the 2nd Infantry Division Artillery Commander.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, The Soldier's Medal, The Bronze Star with V Device and two OLC and the Air Medal with 9 OLC.

BG Joseph J. Leszczynski died on February 15, 2021