

Colonel Paul Jones Raisig, Jr. (Class 35-53)

Colonel Raisig enlisted in the Army on November 19, 1951 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma on March 10, 1953.

He served with the 377th Airborne Artillery at Fort Campbell in 1959 and earned a Bachelor of General Education degree from the University of Omaha in 1961. He completed the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1962 and then served as an Advisor to the Army Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) 21st Infantry Division in Vietnam during 1962 to 1963. He was promoted to Major on May 29, 1963 and was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor and two Purple Hearts during his tour.

Colonel Raisig graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia and completed a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Alabama during 1965. His assignments during his career included Europe, the Pentagon and several airborne units.

He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on February 23 1967 and served a second tour in Vietnam during 1968-69 as Battalion Commander of the 3rd Battalion, 319th Artillery, 173rd Airborne Division. He later served as Director of the IFFV Command and Analysis Programs (CAP) composed of four Command and General Staff College graduates with business degrees and two enlisted clerks. The office employed computers to transform large amounts of raw data into detailed staff recommendations for improving resource efficiency. It improved accident reporting, artillery, mortar, and naval gunfire expenditure reporting and developed analysis programs for artillery and tactical air support. He was promoted to Colonel on March 21, 1973. He retired from the Army in 1977 and authored a book entitled *Letters from a Distant War: Vietnam from a Soldier's Perspective*.

Colonel Raisig spent 10 years as a Department of Defense consultant and business executive in the Washington D.C. area. His varied projects during this time included assisting with the implementation of the Camp David Peace Accords, executive director for the American Federation of Information Processing Societies and being named a member of the President's U.S. Council for World Communications by President Reagan in 1983.

In 1986 he earned his Juris Doctorate degree. After several years of private practice, he returned to his alma mater, Campbell University, as a professor of business law for the next 15 years. He was named Honorary Regimental Colonel of the 319th Airborne Field Artillery at Fort Bragg. He was chosen by author Neil Sheehan, to read the transcript of *Bright and Shining Lie - John Paul Vann and America in Vietnam* before it was published in 1988, for technical accuracy.