

Colonel Steven R. Sawdey (Class 3-70)

Colonel Sawdey was drafted into the Army on January 1, 1969 and sent to Fort Ord, California for Basic Training. He was selected to attend Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Signal Corps upon graduation from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma on January 23, 1970.

As a Major he served as an Assistant Professor of Military Science and earned a Master's Degree from Arkansas State in 1982. He served two tours in Korea and Germany before commanding the 112th Special Operations Signal Battalion during Operation Just Cause during 1988-1989. He attended the Army War College in 1990 and commanded the 106th Signal Brigade at Fort Clayton, Panama from 1992-1993. He served as the Commander on the U.S. Army Information System Engineering Command (ISEC) and was the Special Operations Command J-6 at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida until he retired in 2000.

Colonel Sawdey's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Army Commendation Medal.

He died on November 20, 2019 and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.