

Colonel George Takamiya (Class 10-65)

Colonel Takamiya was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma on September 28, 1965. From October 1965 to April 1967 he served as Assistant Platoon Leader and Platoon Leader, 1st Missile Battalion, 57th Artillery (Little John Missile), Okinawa.

He attended the Civil Affairs Advisors Course, U.S Army Civil Affairs School, Fort Gordon, Georgia and Vietnamese Language Training, at the Defense Language Institute Support Command, Biggs Field, Fort Bliss, Texas. He served an 18-month tour in Vietnam as a Civil Affairs Officer and Deputy District Advisor, Advisory Team 68 (Ba Cang Special Zone, Vinh Long Province), Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV).

His next assignment was Liaison Officer to the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and from October 1970 to September 1976 he was Liaison Officer, then Assistant S-3 and finally Service Battery Commander of 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery at Fort Ruger, Hawaii. He then served as S-1, 29th Infantry Brigade at Fort Ruger for a year.

Colonel Takamiya earned a Master of Science degree as a Sanitary Engineer from the University of Hawaii in October 1973. He spent the rest of his career from October 1977 to June 1993 at Fort DeRussy where he served as Sanitary Engineer, 322nd Civil Affairs Group for five years followed by three years as a Command and General Staff Instructor, 4960th USAR School at Fort DeRussy. He spent a year as Engineer Operations Officer, three years as Engineer at IX Corps (Reinf), USAR, and culminated his career as the Southeast Region Chief, Pacific Area Liaison Command (PALCOM) USAR.

His awards and decorations include the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Meritorious Service Medal.