

## **COL Clifton Henry Aldrich Class 2-65**

COL Aldrich entered the United States Army in December 1961. After a tour in Korea, he attended Artillery Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Fort Sill, OK and commissioned a Military Intelligence Officer in February 1965. He served in the Dominican Republic and Vietnam. He received his bachelor's degree from University of Massachusetts-Amherst and a master's degree in public administration from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. He attended the Command and General Staff College in Ft. Leavenworth, KS and the US Army War College in Carlisle, PA.

Other assignments included G2, 3d Armored Division, Executive Officer of 205th MI Group (Brigade), and Deputy G2, V Corps, all in Frankfurt, Germany. On return to the states, Cliff took command of the 522nd MI Battalion in 1987, was Chief of Staff of the 2nd Armored Division, G2 III Corps, and then took command of the 504th MI Brigade in 1990 all at Ft Hood, TX. His final military assignment was Army Materiel Command in Alexandria, VA. During this time, he assisted the state of Florida in recovery from Hurricane Andrew and was also sent to Somalia for Operation Restore Hope.

His awards include the Legion of Merit on two occasions, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal as well as others. He retired from the Army in July 1993 after 32 years of service.

For the next ten years Cliff took on a new career with Lockheed Martin Missiles and Space where he was Director of Military Satellite Communications at the Washington Operations Branch Crystal City, Virginia. He retired from Lockheed in 2002.