



LIEUTENANT COLONEL LEO BERMAN

CLASS 6-58

Lieutenant Colonel Berman's distinguished military career included two tours in Vietnam. He first served as an Advisor in Pleiku Province and on his second tour served as Executive Officer, Operations Officer and then Commander of 2nd Battalion, 12th Field Artillery. As a Liaison Officer to the US House of Representatives he served the Secretary of the Army escorting members of Congress on fact-finding tours and required meetings throughout the world. His military career culminated as an Advisor to the Texas Army National Guard.

From 1979 to 1985 he served as city council member and Mayor pro-tem in Arlington, Texas. He was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1998 and continues to serve. In 2008 he was nominated by the Texas Speaker to the American Legislative Exchange Council as U.S. legislator of the year. He serves on numerous boards and advisory committees and has been recognized by the U.S Attorney's Texas Eastern District for authoring and passing major legislation to combat methamphetamine labs in Texas. He filed and passed a major property tax reduction bill for senior citizens and the disabled in Texas and joint authored a Texas Department of Agriculture grant program for Meals on Wheels non-profit agencies.

As a member of the Texas National Guard Armory Board, he continues to support legislative issues involving veterans, especially those affecting the Reserve Component "citizen soldiers" of Texas.

Lieutenant Colonel Berman's decorations include the Bronze Star (with 2 Oak-Leaf Clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal (nine awards) and the Army Commendation Medal (with Oak-Leaf Cluster).