



## **ROSS W. BRANSTETTER III**

### **CLASS 4-73**

Mr. Branstetter served in Field Artillery units with the 4th Infantry Division and attended Airborne training before transferring to the JAG Corps. He served with the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood where he deployed to Germany as Brigade Special Staff Officer and Division G-5. He served with the 8th U.S. Army in Korea prior to an assignment with I Corps at Fort Lewis, Washington. He then served as Chief of the Contract Law Trial Team, Army Legal Services Agency prior to attending the Joint Forces Staff College. His active duty career culminated as the Assistant to the General Counsel Department of the Army.

Over the course of 40 years in government and the private sector he specialized in law related to national security. After several years with a civilian law firm he returned to government service first with the Missile Defense Agency, then the Air Force General Counsel's Office and finally the Senior Executive Service as General Counsel for the Missile Defense Agency.

In that capacity, he advised at the three-star level regarding defense of the Homeland against attack by ballistic missiles, management of a \$7 billion annual budget, and agency operations worldwide. An expert in international defense cooperation, Mr. Branstetter negotiated provisions of security agreements between the United States and Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Israel, Japan, and the United Kingdom. He also advised the United Nations in Somalia.

Mr. Branstetter's decorations include the Legion of Merit, and the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.