



## **COLONEL RONALD W. BURKETT**

### **CLASS 11-65**

Colonel Burkett first served a tour in Vietnam with the 5th Special Forces Group as an A-Detachment Executive Officer. His next assignment was with 1st Battalion, 16th Field Artillery, Fort Hood, Texas as a Battery Commander and later Battalion Executive Officer.

A second tour in Vietnam with 5th Special Forces Group was followed by an assignment with the Tactics and Combined Arms Department at Fort Sill. Colonel Burkett then served as Commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery U.S. Army Field Artillery Center, Fort Sill.

Colonel Burkett's next assignment was with 2nd Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery as Assistant S-3 and later the S-2/ Special Weapons Officer. He then commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, USA Mil Act, New Ulm, Germany.

After a break in service Colonel Burkett returned as Deputy Inspector General, 1st SOCOM, Ft Bragg, North Carolina. He was mobilized to support Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He later served with the 321st CA Brigade, San Antonio, Texas and was Battalion S-5 Task Force Group A, JTF-160 at GTMO, Cuba. Colonel Burkett then became the U.S.A. Special Operations Command Military Historian at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. His career culminated as Deputy Commander, 5035th GSU, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Colonel Burkett's awards and decorations include: the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (with Oak leaf cluster), Purple Heart, Air Medal, Army Commendation (three Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Combat Infantryman Badge.