



**Lieutenant Colonel
Kurt L. Carlson
Class 10-70**

LTC Carlson was assigned to the 30th Artillery Brigade, 5th Sergeant Missile Battalion of the Southern European Task Force, Vincenza as a Platoon Leader, Executive Officer of Battery B and C and later Assistant Battalion S-3. He left active duty in May of 1972.

His Reserve assignments include Company Commander 346th General Supply Company, Rockford Illinois, Food Service Advisor, HHC, 315th Field Depot, Chicago, IL, Commander Company C, 863rd Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy) Rockford, IL, Battalion S-3 Officer, HHC 961st Engineer Battalion Milwaukee, WI, Fire Protection Officer, HHC 416th Engineer Command, Chicago, IL.

LTC Carlson was commended by the Secretary of the Army for the courage and professionalism he exhibited while held hostage by Shiite Moslem terrorists during the 1985 highjacking of TWA Flight 847. He volunteered for a Mission to Germany in 1987 to identify the Hezbollah Terrorist, Mohammed Ali Hamadi - the Hijacker of Flight 847. He was an Instructor at the DOD School on Terrorism, the US Air Force Command & General Staff College, and Special Operations Command.

LTC Carlson returned to Active Duty as Assistant Chief of Staff, Engineering, HHC 416th Engineer Command in Saudi Arabia from November of 1990 to June 1991, in support of Operation Desert Storm. He was Facility Engineer, Fort McCoy Facility Engineer ASC and Team Commander of the 416th Engineer Support Group. He culminated his career as Commander of the 961st Engineer Battalion, Milwaukee, WI, where he remained until his retirement in May 1998. His decorations include the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak- Leaf Cluster and the POW Medal.