

Lieutenant Colonel Ernest V. Chandler (Class 40A-67)

Lieutenant Colonel Ernest V. Chandler, a graduate of Class 40A-67, is inducted for national/state prominence and superior public service.

During his military career he has held numerous positions in the Field Artillery, including Forward Observer with the 321st Field Artillery Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division in Vietnam and as a Senior Advisor to the South Vietnamese Army.

As a reservist, he commanded Bravo Battery, 3rd Battalion, 75th Field Artillery in Springfield, Missouri. He also served as a Brigade Fire Support Officer, as well as hazardous duty attachments with the Airborne Special Forces Reserves.

His decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

He served as Warden of the U.S. Penitentiary in Beaumont, Texas and was appointed to Senior Executive Service in 1999. SES appointees are charged by the president with shaping and directing government. An SES appointment is equivalent to general officer rank in the military.