

COLONEL MERLE M. CROCKER

Colonel Merle M. Crocker entered military service as a draftee shortly after graduating from Springfield College in 1951. He completed Field Artillery OCS in 1952 and has spent several tours in troop command assignments in both Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery.

Nearly half of Colonel Crocker's assignments have been overseas and include serving as an Artillery Battalion Commander with the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam, as a Corps G3 in Europe and on several Army and Joint Staffs. His military education includes attendance at the Air War College. Prior to his assignment as Deputy Commander, USARR I, Colonel Crocker served for four years as the Chief, Readiness Group Stewart, Newburgh, New York.

Colonel Crocker is married to the former Jean Hazelton of Hyannis, Massachusetts. Their children include a married son James and a daughter Carolyn.

13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED (All periods of service)

LEGION OF MERIT(1 OLC), DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS, BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL, AIR MEDAL(5 OLC), JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL, ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL(2 OLC), ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL(1 OLC), VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL, VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL w/60 DEVICE, Cont'd

14. MILITARY EDUCATION (Course Title, number weeks, and month and year completed)

ARTY OFF CAND	22 Wks	1952	ARTY OFF ADV	38 Wks	1960
CBR DEF	2 Wks	1953	C&GS (CINSGCY)	38 Wks	1963
INSTR TNG	2 Wks	1956	NUC WPNS EMPL	1 Wk	1966
FA BTRY OFF	36 Wks	1958	FA OFF ORIEN	4 Wks	1968

15. MEMBER CONTRIBUTED TO POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

YES  NO

16. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR EQUIVALENT

YES  NO

17. DAYS ACCRUED LEAVE PAID

60

18. REMARKS

ITEM 13 - Continued: VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY w/PALM, VIETNAM ARMY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER 2d Class, ARMY SERVICE RIBBON, OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON(2)

ITEM 14 - Continued: AIR WAR COLLEGE 36 Wks 1971