

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH FOR  
ARTILLERY OCS HALL OF FAME  
U.S. ARMY FIELD ARTILLERY MUSEUM  
Fort Sill, Oklahoma 73503

1. NAME ANTHONY J. DESANTO DATE 5 July 1982  
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DOR 9 July 1965  
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3. OCS CLASS NUMBER 30

DATE GRADUATED/COMMISSIONED 17 September 1942

4. PRESENT DUTY ASSIGNMENT/OCCUPATION USA-Ret; as European Rep-VOUGHT Corporation (Dallas, Tx)  
1973 to date assigned

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5. BRIEF RESUME OF DUTY ASSIGNMENTS:

- a. 1942 - 1945 Commissioned 2d Lt Sep 42, Assigned to 109th FA Bn, 28th Inf Div, Recon O, Battery Cmdr, Bn Liaison O. Captured during Battle of the Bulge 22 Dec 44, Escaped 27 Mar 45 and returned to US control 3 Apr 45.
- b. 1945 Returned to Civilian life in Dec.
- c. 1946 - 1950 Recalled to Active Duty and sent to Germany for occupation duty. See incl 1 for addl info.

6. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit w/OLC	American Cpgn Mdl
Bronze Star W/OLC	Korean Cpgn Mdl
Purple Heart	UN Svc Mdl
JSCM	NDSM
WW II Victory Medal	AFRM
American Defense Medal	NDSM 1st OLC
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GENERAL REMARKS:

Born and raised in Cranston, Rhode Island. Attended Artillery Associate Advance Course in 1951; Graduate of Command and General Staff College in 1954.

Signature

Anthony J. Desanto

## CURRENT POSITION

Employed by LTVAC - Michigan Division as Director, European Operations for International Lance Programs.

## PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENTS

- 1 Aug 1973 Retired from US Army
- 1969 - 1973 Assigned to MAAG-Germany as Chief Plans and Programs and then as Chief Army Section.
- 1967 - 1968 Assigned to Headquarters Eighth Army, Korea, as the Materiel Readiness Officer within the G-4 Section of the Army Staff.
- 1963 - 1967
1. Deputy Chief, Army Section, MAAG-Germany and
  2. Chief, Operations Branch, Army Section, MAAG-Germany.
- As Deputy Chief Army Section, responsible for making recommendations to the Chief on establishment or change of policy; insure that resources are employed effectively and efficiently; and recommending changes in organization and operations as necessary to meet changing mission requirements. Serve as Chief, Army Section, during the temporary absence of the regularly assigned Chief.
- As Chief, Operations Branch, responsible for supervising and coordinating the activities of all personnel assigned to the Branch. Assume the initiative in fostering either the acceptance of U.S. doctrine and concept by the host country's Army or the adjustment necessary to achieve compatibility or respective concepts and doctrine as a basis for materiel determination. Provide cooperative assistance to U.S. industry representatives in furthering the host country military procurement.
- 1960 - 1963 Assigned to Department of the Army as Staff Analyst in the Missile Branch, Requirements Division, ODCSLOG. Responsible for programming, PEMA funding and overall staff supervision of Army missile systems. Served as back-up witness at Congressional Appropriations Hearings.
- 1959 - 1960 Assigned as an exchange officer to the British Army on the Rhine and became Special Artillery Advisor to the British Artillery Commanding General.
- 1957 - 1959 Activated, organized, trained and commanded Honest John Rocket Battalion in Germany.

## PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENTS (cont)

- 1953 - 1957 One of six Artillery officers selected to serve as an Artillery Instructor at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia. During this period attended the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.
- 1952 - 1953 Served in Korea as Operations Officer, Battalion Executive and Battalion Commander of a direct support Artillery unit.
- 1950 - 1952 Served as Battery Commander, Battalion S-3 and finally as Battalion Commander of a direct support Artillery unit stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado.
- 1946 - 1950 Recalled to active duty and sent to Germany for occupation duty.
- 1938 - 1945 Joined the Rhode Island National Guard in November 1938 and was Federalized with the unit in February 1941. Attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill and was commissioned in September 1942.

## MISCELLANEOUS

During World War II served as Battery Commander of a direct support unit and then assumed duties as Battalion Liaison Officer. During the "Battle of the Bulge", while a member of the 28th Division, was captured. After four months in a German prison camp, escaped and finally returned to U.S. control on 3 April 1945. In December 1945 was separated from the service and returned to civilian life.

All promotions in the military, from 2d Lieutenant to Colonel, were received on a "first time considered" basis.

Fluent in the German language and have a better than average fluency in Italian. Dependents speak German fluently, and to some degree, Italian and French. Daughter attended Marymount International School in Rome, studied French and by association learned Italian. Presently she is attending Language School majoring in French and German.

Being born of Italian parents, who previously immigrated to the United States, have acquired an understanding of Italian customs, habits and a way of life not normally known or understood by the average American.

Spent several years in Europe and have had the opportunity to travel extensively, particularly through Germany and Italy and am knowledgeable in the geography of the countries concerned.

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1 Nov 1974