

Colonel Richard W. Devoe Class R1-64

Colonel Devoe's initial assignment after OCS was Assistant Executive Officer, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 103rd Field Artillery, Rhode Island Army National Guard. He served as S-2 and later Assistant S-3, 2nd Battalion, 36th Field Artillery at Fort Sill prior to a Vietnam tour with Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, as a Forward Observer, FDO and Executive Officer. He served next as B Battery Commander, 6th Battalion, 20th Field Artillery at Fort Carson, Colorado.

He returned to the 103rd Field Artillery, Rhode Island Army National Guard and served successive assignments as B Battery Commander, 1st Battalion; Group S-2; A Battery Commander, 1st Battalion; and Brigade Operations/Intelligence Officer. He next served as G-3 Plans, Policy and Training Officer, III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas. Overseas assignments followed as Chief of the Reserve Component Division, G-3, V Corps, Frankfurt, Germany and later Chief of the Reserve Component Southern European Task Force (SETAF), Vicenza, Italy.

Colonel Devoe culminated his career as the Counterdrug Liaison and Coordinator, Joint Task Force 6 at Fort Meade, Maryland. In that position he served as chief advisor on all National Guard policies and matters pertaining to counterdrug operations by Federal State and local law enforcement agencies within a thirty-six-state area. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with "V" and one Oak-Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak-Leaf Clusters and the Air Medal.