

## BIOGRAPHY - COLONEL JAMES E. ELLIOTT

COL James E. Elliott, a native of Spokane, Washington, enlisted in the Infantry in 1966 at Fort Lewis, Washington. He was commissioned upon graduation from the United States Army Field Artillery and Missile Officer Candidate School in 1967. Previous assignments include Assistant Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion (105SP), 1st Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, (1967-68); Flight Section Commander, 175th and 336th Assault Helicopter Company, RVN; Assistant S-3, 13th Combat Aviation Battalion, RVN; Gun Platoon Leader, 162nd Assault Helicopter Company, RVN; Commander, Battery H (SLT), 29th Field Artillery, RVN, (1969-1972); Brigade and Battalion Fire Support Officer, Battery Commander, and Battalion Executive Officer, 3rd Battalion (105T), 13th Field Artillery, and Assistant G-3 (Training), 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii (1975-1979); assigned to the U.S. Navy Tactical Air Control Squadron One (TACRON ONE), Third Fleet, Coronado, California, as Detachment Air Officer, USS Okinawa LPH-3 (Western Pacific/Indian Ocean Deployment); Air Officer, Staff, Commander Amphibious Forces Seventh Fleet, Okinawa, Japan; and Assistant Administrative Officer, TACRON ONE (1979-1981); Operations Reports Officer, Emergency Action Officer, and Command Presentations Officer, Staff, Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii (1982-1986); Battalion Commander, 3rd Battalion (105T), 319th Field Artillery, and 3rd Battalion (105T), 320th Field Artillery, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Fort Campbell, Kentucky (1986-1988).

His military education includes the Field Artillery Officers Advance Course, the United States Army Aviation Rotary Wing Officers Course, the New Zealand Army Staff College, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, the Air Assault School, and the United States Army War College.

His personal awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, Soldiers Medal, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, 52 awards of the Air Medal with "V" Device and Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Sea Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star, six awards of the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Aviator Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

His civilian education includes the University of San Francisco from 1964-1966, majoring in English; Eastern Washington University from 1973-1975, graduating with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and Journalism, and Pennsylvania State University from 1988-1989, graduating with a Masters in Public Administration.

COL Elliott assumed command of the Readiness Group Presidio of San Francisco, California, on 8 September 1989.