



**COLONEL  
RICHARD L. FISCHER  
FORT BLISS AAA OCS - 1953**

Colonel Fischer's initial assignment was to the 509th Anti-Aircraft Artillery (AAA) Battalion, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he served as S-1 and Battery Commander. He served with the 29th AAA Battalion in Japan as Battery Commander and S-3 and later Assistant S-3, 1st Cavalry Division Artillery. At Fort Bliss he commanded a battery in the 5th Battalion (HAWK), 57th Artillery and served as an instructor in the HAWK Missile Department.

After graduating from the Defense Language Institute, he served as Intelligence Advisor to the Chief of the Royal Thai Army in Bangkok, Thailand. There he commanded one of the largest ever counterinsurgency field exercises that involved 14,000 troops and paramilitary forces, operating in widely separated remote areas of Thailand.

He later served as Chief, Weapons System Division, U.S. Army Air Defense Command and commanded 3rd Battalion, 517th Artillery (HERCULES) at Selfridge Air Force Base. He also served as Executive Officer to the 8th U.S. Army Chief of Staff, Personnel in Korea. During the last nine years of his career he served in a series of positions of increasing responsibility in the Offices of the Secretary of the Army and Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs. He culminated his career as Chief of the U.S. Senate Liaison Division to the Secretary of Defense.

Colonel Fischer's decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal and the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster.