



## **CHARLES M. FLORA**

### **CLASS 16-69**

Prior to graduating from Officer Candidate School Mr. Flora volunteered for a MACV duty assignment in Vietnam, based on his course work in Cultural Anthropology and field experience. After attending the Military Advisors Course at Fort Bragg he was assigned to MACV Team 33, where he served as an Advisor to the 1st Battalion, 44th Regiment, 23rd ARVN Infantry Division. He later returned to Fort Lewis and served as a Battery Executive Officer and later Battalion Special Weapons Officer with 2nd Battalion, 37th Field Artillery.

Returning to civilian life, Mr. Flora graduated with a Master of Social Work and eventually became a Clinical Social Work Supervisor with Catholic Social Service, providing family and individual counseling to increasing numbers of Vietnam veterans with adjustment difficulties associated with their combat military experience.

He joined the Department of Veterans Affairs, Readjustment Counseling Service, first as a Vet Center Team Leader in Peoria, Illinois and later as the Associate Regional Manager in Chicago. He is currently the Assistant Director/Executive Assistant to the Readjustment Counseling Service Chief Officer, Washington, DC.

Mr Flora's decorations include the Bronze Star with V-device, the Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.