

BIOGRAPHY

JOHN B. HANBY, JR
COLONEL U.S. ARMY (Retired)

Colonel John B. Hanby, Jr., was born in Knox, Pennsylvania, on 9 July 1928. Following his graduation from high school in Kossuth, Pennsylvania, he graduated from The Pennsylvania State University in 1950 and was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree. Shortly after his graduation, he entered the Army, completed Officers' Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in 1951, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Artillery Branch. During the Korean War he served as an artillery forward observer until his capture by Communist forces. He was imprisoned from September 1952 until his repatriation in September 1953.

In 1955, he transferred to the Ordnance Corps and completed several courses at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project courses at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was assigned to the 9th Special Weapons Battalion in Germany in 1956; later he served as Commander of the 23rd Special Weapons Company.

Colonel Hanby returned to the United States in 1960, attended the Ordnance Advanced Course and was enrolled at the Babson Institute, Babson Park, Massachusetts. He was awarded his masters of arts degree in Industrial Management in 1961. In 1962, he reported to the Army Weapons Command as the aide-de-camp to the Commanding General. When he was promoted to the rank of major in 1963, Colonel Hanby was assigned as the assistant to the Director of Procurement and Production in WECOM headquarters.

He graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1965. After a tour in Korea as the materiel officer of the 2d Infantry Division, he attended the Armed Forces Staff College and graduated in 1967. In February 1967, Colonel Hanby became the first project manager for the 155mm Close Support Artillery Weapon System, located at headquarters of the Army Weapons Command, Rock Island, Illinois. In March 1968, he was appointed Deputy Commander, Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois.

He commanded the 15th Ordnance Battalion, Darmstadt, Germany, from November 1968 through June 1970. He completed the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania in 1971. Colonel Hanby was assigned to the Pentagon as a material analyst with the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics. In 1972, he was designated as the project manager for the HELLFIRE laser guided weapon system at Army Missile Command.

Colonel Hanby became the Deputy Commandant of the Defense Systems Management College on 1 September 1975, assumed command of the college on 23 April 1979 and reassumed the position of Deputy Commandant on 1 August 1979.

His Military decorations and awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, The Purple Heart Medal, The Prisoner of War Medal, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Good Conduct Medal, OSD Identification Badge and the Army General Staff Identification Badge. Service medals include the Korean Service Medal with 3 battle stars, the UN Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster.