



Artillery OCS Hall of Fame

**Colonel
William J. Kelley, Jr.
Class 9-67**

Colonel Kelley served two tours in Vietnam and later earned a degree in accounting from the University of Texas in El Paso. He joined the Army Audit Agency in 1974 after graduating from the Command and General Staff College.

His career included many years on active duty as well as service in the Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve. Beginning in 1985, he focused his career on forensic auditing. He also commanded two direct support artillery battalions and the 40th Infantry Division Artillery and was activated to support the military operations combating the LA Riots of 1992. He served for two years as president of the National Guard Field Artillery Council.

Following the events of 9/11, from January 2002 until December 2006, he returned to active duty as the senior military officer in the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, as well as Director for Data Mining Directorate. During this assignment, Bill made significant contributions that directly impacted defense policy and national security. His efforts earned him a Fed 100 award.

Colonel Kelley was a sought-after speaker in forensic auditing and made numerous presentations on this topic over the course of his career, including to the European Fraud Conference, Association of Government Auditors and the General Services Administration Smart Card Pay Conference.

In April 2004, he testified with the General Accountability Office before the Committee of Governmental Affairs, United States Senate, on the benefits of smarter use of government purchase cards and how it could save taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. His efforts in this area resulted in significant savings.

Colonel Kelley's decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal and the Legion of Merit.