

## Colonel Clark L. Kershner, Jr. (Class 65-55)

Colonel Clark L. Kershner, Jr., was born in Hutchinson, Kansas on November 29, 1928.

He enlisted in the Army on March 15, 1946 and during his third enlistment he attended the Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on June 14, 1955.

Promotion Dates:

First Lieutenant on December 14, 1956.

Captain on March 6, 1961.

Major on December 3, 1965.

Lieutenant Colonel on June 26, 1969.

The Hall of Fame files do not include his promotion date to Colonel or any other information. There is a possibility that the files may have been loaned to a researcher and not returned or misplaced by the HOF administrators at some point.

It is known that he served in US Army Special Forces units and was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge. As a Captain in June 1964, he was the Operations Officer of Company C, 5th Special Forces Group. He was the recipient of the Bronze Star, Meritorious Achievement Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Medal, during his career.

After retirement, Colonel Kershner served as Senior Army Instructor of the JROTC unit at Lee County High School for ten years.

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Army > 1972, Volume I

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Army > 1961, Volume I

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Army > 1964, Volume I

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Army > 1966, Volume I

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