

Colonel John A.G. Klose (Class 2-58)

Colonel John A. G. Klose was born on December 22, 1935. He enlisted in the Army at 19 and made it his career. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma on April 1, 1958.

He served two tours of duty in Vietnam, one with the 128th AHC and one as the S-3 of the 223rd Aviation Battalion.

He was one of the instrumental planners and executors of Lam Son 719 and he flew everyday throughout the operation, numerous times placing himself at terrific risk for the safety of others.

Colonel Klose commanded the 158th Aviation Battalion, 101st Airborne Division from 1974-1976.

His decorations include the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart.

After leaving the military, he was the Public Information Officer for the Stockton Unified School District. He was known locally for his bow ties, and for answering questions from the national media after the Cleveland School shooting in 1989. He also served on the San Joaquin County Board of Education and taught Public Relations at the University of the Pacific.