

Lieutenant Colonel Dwight L. Lorenz (Class 19-52)

Dwight Lorenz was born in Bennington, Vermont, on 16 August, 1932. He graduated from Bennington High School on the 23rd of June in 1950. While still in high school he somehow joined the local Infantry unit of the Vermont National Guard at the age of 15. His Guard unit was activated on 5 September, 1950, as part of the Korean War mobilization. He was a Corporal at the time, and after progressing rapidly to the rank of Sergeant First Class decided to make the Army his career. This decision led to application for OCS in 1951, which resulted in his attendance at Leadership School prior to becoming a member of Class 19, "Fox Battery", in February of 1952, graduating on the 15th of July of that year.

LTC Lorenz is recognized today for his outstanding contributions to the US Army and later his community, which seemingly has no boundaries. As a Reserve Officer who completed a highly successful Active Duty career, and survived many RIFs along the way, he truly stands out in our annals. All of his individual exploits and accomplishments cannot be adequately covered during this short summary.

He was the only member of his OCS class to become both Airborne and Aviation qualified, serving with distinction and recognition as an Artillery OCS graduate through all of the many assignments, and challenges, which were overcome along the path of his career. Major contributions were made toward the development of Airmobility, many of which directly involved the Field Artillery, during his tour of duty with the 11th Air Assault Division from 1963 thru 1965.

In all command and staff assignments he personified the teachings and standards of performance acquired in Field Artillery OCS Class 19, "Fox Battery". He retired on the 31st of August, 1970, with 23 years of total service as the result of the Reduction In Force which affected all Reserve Career personnel at that time. He was recalled to Active Duty during Desert Shield/Desert Storm after 21 years of retirement and once again, in a position of significant responsibility at FORSCOM Headquarters, demonstrated those attributes for which he is recognized today. He received the MSM for this service. Upon release from active duty he was credited with 42 years, 11 months and 23 days of combined active and inactive duty. He has signed on to remain in the Retired Reserve to age 70.

The credo of outstanding performance remained with LTC Lorenz when he rejoined his home town community, which seems to extend throughout the State of Vermont, as well as to all veterans, wherever and whomever they may be. His personal efforts, time, involvement and successes with military, civic, educational, political, veteran, State and National affairs seem to be without end. It is a certainty that his military based concern, sacrifice, leadership, voluntarism, and organizational abilities are most applicable, useful and appreciated in the community setting.

After retirement LTC Lorenz earned a BS Degree in Economics with a Minor in Business Administration and the MA Degree in International Relations. He is a Senior Army Aviator, Senior Parachutist and Vietnam Parachutist. Decorations include: LOM w/OLC, BSM w/OLC, MSM, Air Medal w/OLC, ARCOM w/3OLC, 3 Awards of the National Defense Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/20 Year Device and Good Conduct Medal.