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Name: Patrick R. Lowrey **Date:** 24 March 1994
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Address: 2040 Freedom Lane **DOB:** 29 August 1932
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OCS Class: #48 **Date Graduated/Commissioned:** 24 February 1954
Present Duty Assignment/Occupation: Regular Army Retired
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Brief Resume of Duty Assignments: Colonel Patrick R. Lowrey was born in Sharon, Pennsylvania on August 29, 1932. Immediately after induction into the U.S. Army in February 1953 and completion of basic and advanced infantry training at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky; he was selected for officers candidate school. Upon graduation from Field Artillery Officer Candidate School (Battery L -- Class Number 48) on 24 February 1954, he was commissioned a second lieutenant of field artillery. During an active duty career of 26 continuous years, Colonel Lowrey served in various post throughout the United States, Germany, Lebanon, Korea, and Vietnam. He attained the rank of colonel in December 1973 with nineteen years and ten months of commissioned service. His active duty service continued to April 1979. He was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland in 1969 and holds a Masters of Public Administration from Pennsylvania State University granted in 1974. His schooling and military education includes the basic airborne and jumpmaster courses, Field Artillery Associate Advanced Course, Photo Interpreter Course, Honest John Warhead Assembly Course, Military Police Advanced Course, the Command and General Staff College, and the US Army War College. He received a Regular Army commission in the Corps of Military Police in July 1961. Colonel Lowrey held a wide variety of command and staff positions concluding his active duty career as Deputy Director, Human Resources Development, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at Headquarters, Department of the Army. Upon retirement in April 1979, Colonel Lowrey was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal (DSM).

Principal Field Grade Assignments

His principal assignments as a field grade officer included duty as Chief, Law Enforcement Division, ODCSPER, HQDA; Commander, Military Police Training Brigade at Forts Gordon and McClellan; Team Leader and Analyst, Chief of Staff 1974 Army-wide Reorganization Project, HQDA; Commander,

716th Military Police Battalion, Saigon, RVN; ACoS-G1, 25th Infantry Division, Cu Chi, RVN; Personnel Assignment Officer, Office of Personnel Operations, HQDA; Personnel Staff Officer, Distribution and Readiness Directorate, ODCSPER, HQDA, and Provost Marshal, US Army Electronics Command, Philadelphia, PA.

Career Chronology.

Upon graduation from the Field Artillery OCS, he attended the Basic and Jumpmaster Courses at the Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia. His first Field Artillery assignment was to Fort Campbell, Kentucky as a forward observer in a 105mm howitzer battery of the 675th Airborne Field Artillery Battalion, 11th Airborne Division. In January 1956, he "gyroscoped" with the 11th Airborne Division to Augsburg, Germany where he was assigned as Executive Officer, Headquarters Battery, 11th Airborne Division Artillery. While in Augsburg, he served briefly as aide-de-camp to the 11th Airborne Division Artillery Commander and also attended the 12 week photo interpreter's course at Oberammergau, Germany. In January 1957, then First Lieutenant Lowrey relocated to Munich, Germany and was assigned as platoon leader in the newly activated Battery C (Honest John Rocket), 377th (Airborne) Battalion. In July 1958 while stationed in Munich, he deployed to Beirut, Lebanon as Artillery Liaison Officer (Honest John Rocket) to Airborne Task Force 201.

In January 1959 as a first lieutenant, he returned to the United States and was assigned to the 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina to be assistant S-3 of the Division Support Command. Upon promotion to captain, he was assigned S-3 of the Division Support Command and subsequently assigned as a plans officer in the 82d Airborne Division ACoS,G3 Staff. While at Fort Bragg, he received a regular army commission in the Military Police Corps. Duty at Fort Bragg was followed by attendance at the Military Police Advanced Course at Fort Gordon, Georgia. Upon graduation in August 1962, then Captain Lowrey was assigned to South Korea as a Company Commander in the 728th MP Battalion in Yong Dong Po. His MP Company was the last remaining railway security police company in the U.S. Army and provided security of all US Army rail transport throughout the South Korean peninsula. Upon return to the United States in September 1963, he was assigned duty as Provost Marshal, US Army Electronics Command headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he received his promotion to major. In September 1965, he received his first of four assignments to Washington DC to the Office of Personnel Operations as a Personnel Management Officer in the MP Branch. He attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and upon graduation in June 1967, he returned to the Pentagon and was assigned to the Distribution and Readiness Directorate, ODCSPER, HQDA.

In July 1970, he was assigned to Vietnam and served as the ACoS, G1, 25th Infantry Division in CuChi, Vietnam. Upon redeployment of the 25th Infantry Division to Hawaii in January 1971, Colonel Lowrey assumed command of the 716th Military Police Battalion in Saigon with responsibilities for law enforcement and security in the metropolitan urban area and the surrounding Gia Dinh Province. Upon return to the United States in August 1971, Colonel Lowrey was assigned Branch Chief in the Office of The Provost Marshal General, Washington, D.C. In March 1972, he was nominated to the newly activated Chief of Staff Project Management for Army-wide Reorganization in which he served as an analyst and team leader until June 1973. Colonel Lowrey then attended the US Army War College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania where he also completed graduate studies at Pennsylvania State University. After promotion to colonel in 1973 and upon receipt of his masters degree in August 1974, he assumed command of the Military Police Training Brigade at Fort Gordon, Georgia. During his command tenure in mid 1975, the US Army MP School and the training brigade relocated to Fort McClellan, Alabama. In July 1976, Colonel Lowrey returned to the Pentagon where he was assigned as Chief Law Enforcement Division, ODCSPER, HQDA. He concluded 26 years of active duty in April 1979 as

Deputy Director, Human Resources Development, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at Headquarters, Department of the Army.

Awards and Decorations. Colonel Lowrey's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (DSM), Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm and several other unit citations. Colonel Lowrey also received award of the Master Parachutist Badge and the Army General Staff Identification Badge.