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Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill, CA;
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Fort Sill, OK, 1964; Infantry Officer
Basic Course, Fort Benning, GA, 1968;
U.S. Army Medical Field School Basic
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Medical Department Officer Advanced
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Colonel Matsubu enlisted in the Idaho Army National Guard in September 1955 and served as an Artillery Crewman. He entered active duty in October 1956 and served as an Admin/Personnel Specialist with the 24th ID and 1st Cav Div in South Korea. He was released from active duty in August 1958 as a Specialist Second Class, E5.

After release from active duty he returned to the Idaho ARNG, where in November 1959 he started his full-time career as a Unit Admin Supply Technician. In September 1961 he moved to California, where he was the full-time Operations Sergeant for the 1st Missile Bn, 250th Artillery. He advanced to the rank of Sergeant First Class (E7) before going to the Artillery and Missile OCS at Fort Sill, OK, in 1964.

In December 1964 he served with the 2d Bn 184th Inf and 1st Bn 159th Inf where he served for 5 years, attaining the rank of Captain. In December 1969 he transferred to the 175th Medical Group, remaining there thru a reorganization to a Brigade, serving in a variety of positions from Unit Commander to AC/S Security, Plans and Operations. In January 1984 he transferred to the 115th Area Support Group where he was the Director, Personnel and Administration until he moved to the State Headquarters in January 1985 as the Chief, Training Branch. He was promoted to Colonel in 1 May 1985 as the Deputy Director, Organization and Training and has been the Director since October 1988.

He has served as the Chairman, Region VII ARNG Plans, Organization, Readiness and Training Advisory Council as well as a member of the National PORTAC.

Colonel Matsubu is an active member of the National Guard Association of the United States where he served as a member of the Medical Task Force. He is also associated with the National Guard Association of California and the Association of the United States Army.

He has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, U.S. Army Good Conduct Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Reserve Components Achievement Medal, State Service Ribbon, State Medal of Merit, State Commendation Ribbon w/Pendant, State Outstanding Unit Ribbon.

Colonel Matsubu and his wife, Catherine, reside in Sacramento. He has a son and daughter with families of their own in the Sacramento area.

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