

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Place of Birth: Norman Park, Georgia

Civilian Education: Diploma, Tifton High School, 1943
Tifton, Georgia
HQDA Evaluation- 2 Years College Equivalency

Civilian Occupation: None

MILITARY HISTORY

Colonel McCrary was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, from Officer Candidate School, Fort Riley, Kansas on 12 August 1949; and, after completing the Field Artillery Officer Associate Basic Course, Fort Sill, Oklahoma in December 1949 was assigned to Battery B, 39th Field Artillery Battalion, 3d Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Georgia. He remained with the 39th Field Artillery Battalion when it deployed to Korea in 1950, and served as a Forward Observer, Assistant Executive Officer, and Executive Officer with Battery B. In April 1952, Colonel McCrary was reassigned to the 175th Field Artillery Battalion, 47th Infantry Division, Camp Rucker, Alabama, where he served as a Battery Executive Officer and Battery Commander.

In January 1953, Colonel McCrary was transferred to the 504th Field Artillery Battalion, U.S. Army Caribbean, where he served as Reconnaissance and Survey Officer, Battery Executive Officer and Battery Commander. Next, he was assigned to the Artillery Officer Advanced Course, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in September 1955 and completed this course in July 1956.

Colonel McCrary next was assigned as a Battery Commander, 601st Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion, in an on-site location in Maryland. Upon inactivation of this battalion in June 1957, Colonel McCrary was reassigned to Headquarters, 2d Region, U.S. Army Air Defense Command, Fort Meade, Maryland, where he was first an Operations-Training Officer, then Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General. In August 1960, Colonel McCrary reported to the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for the Regular USACGSC Course. Upon completion of this course, he was assigned as the Aide-de-Camp to the Chief, Defense Atomic Support Agency, Washington, D.C., and served in this capacity from July 1961 to December 1963.

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Beginning in January 1964, Colonel McCrary went in succession to the Presidio of Monterey, California, for a course in French; to the Civic Action Course, U.S. Army Civil Affairs School, Fort Gordon, Georgia; and to the Psychological Operations Officer Course, U.S. Army Special Warfare School, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In December 1964, he reported for duty with the U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, as a Psychological Warfare-Civic Action Officer in the Office of the Assistant Chief Of Staff, J3, USMACV. Colonel McCrary returned to the United States in December 1965 and in January 1966 reported to the Organization, Unit Training and Readiness Directorate, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Force Development, HQDA, Washington, D.C., first as a staff action officer in the Readiness Division and then as the Directorate Executive Officer.

Colonel McCrary was reassigned to the U.S. Army Training Center, Infantry, Fort Benning, Georgia, in December 1968, and served as Commanding Officer, 6th Battalion, 2d Training Brigade, until March 1970. He was then assigned as Chief, Training Division, Office of Doctrine Development, Literature and Plans, United States Army Infantry School, until his transfer to the U.S. Army Advisor Group (ARNGUS), Alabama, on 10 August 1970.

MILITARY EDUCATION

Officer Candidate School, Fort Riley, Kansas, 1949
Field Artillery Officer Associate Basic Course, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 1949
Field Artillery Survey Officer Course, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 1952
Artillery Officer Advance Course, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 1956
Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, 1961
Defense Language Institute, French Language, Presidio of Monterey, Calif., 1964
Civic Action Course, U.S. Army Civil Affairs School, Fort Gordon, Georgia, 1964
Psychological Operations Officer Course, U.S. Army Special Warfare School, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 1964
Civil Disturbance Orientation Course, U.S. Army Military Police School, Fort Gordon, Georgia, 1970
Reserve Components Advisor Orientation Course, Third United States Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia, 1970

MILITARY DECORATIONS

Colonel McCrary's military decorations include the Legion of Merit; the Meritorious Service Medal; the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device, with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster; the Army Commendation Medal; the Purple Heart, with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster; the United States and Korea Presidential Unit Citations.