



**Colonel
John L. Patten
Class 61-55**

Colonel Patten's first assignment was a three-year tour with the 11th Airborne Division, which was sent to Augsburg Germany as part of Operation Gyroscope.

During his career, he served as Chief of Staff of the 1st Corps Support Command (COSCOM), G-4 of XVIII Airborne Corps, Executive to the Director of the Operations Directorate in Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations & Plans (ODCSOPS) on the Army Staff, Emergency Actions Officer on the National Emergency Airborne Command Post of J-3 and Branch Chief of Country Affairs of J-5 on the Joint Staff. He also served two tours in Vietnam with USARV and the 1st Brigade of the 101st and Commander of 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery. When the Division rotated to CONUS he served in an assignment with MACV as a trainer in a Vietnamese training center.

After retiring from the Army, he served three Governors of Pennsylvania. The first was in Governor Thornburgh's cabinet as Director of the Emergency Management Agency. The third Governor (Tom Ridge) appointed him to the position of Deputy Adjutant General (D-TAG) (BG_Ret) in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs of the Pennsylvania National Guard to oversee veterans support activities. During that time the Department assumed agency for a full time residential school that served more than 350 at risk dependents of veterans, built three long term nursing homes for veterans and refurbished three others to provide a total of six close to home long term care residences for aging veterans.

Colonel Patten's decorations include the Soldier's Medal and the Air with "V" Device.