



Artillery OCS Hall of Fame

**Colonel
Ellis C. Perkins, Jr.
Class 2-69**

His first assignment was as the Executive Officer, Battery A, 5th Training Battalion, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In 1970, he served in Vietnam as the Executive Officer, Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery, 23rd Infantry Division.

He returned in 1971 to Fort Sill as an instructor in the Gunnery Department where he stayed until he graduated from the Field Artillery Officer's Advance Course. From 1974 to 1976, he commanded the 84th United States Army Field Artillery Detachment and served as the Assistant S-3 of the 512th United States Army Artillery Group.

Colonel Perkins attended the Foreign Area Officer Course at Fort Bragg, North Carolina in 1977. In 1979, he was assigned to Advanced Level Training with duty in Mexico where he graduated from the Mexican War College in 1980. From 1981 to 1984, he was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. He served as the Division Assistant Fire Support Coordinator, Secretary of the General Staff and as the Battalion Executive Officer and the Battalion Operations Officer (S-3) in the 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery. In 1985, he graduated from the U.S. Army School of the Americas, Fort Benning, Georgia.

In 1986, he was assigned to the U.S. Army Command and Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as an instructor in the Department of Joint and Combined Operations. He served as Commander, 512th United States Army Artillery Group from July 1988 until July 1990. He was reassigned to the Inter American Defense College in Washington, D.C. for attendance at the Senior Service College and graduated in June 1991. After completion of the Attaché Course, he assumed the United States Defense and Army Attaché to Nicaragua position from January 1992, until July 1994. He was reassigned as the Chief Counterdrug Division, G3 Forces Command where he served until, he retired in April 1997.

Colonel Perkins' awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters.