



**COLONEL  
JOHN W. PORTER  
CLASS R2-63**

Colonel Porter spent two years as an enlisted man with the Alabama National Guard prior to attending OCS at Fort Sill. After being commissioned he served with Battery B, 117th Field Artillery as a forward observer and Fire Direction Officer. He also served as a Tactical Officer at the Fort McClellan, Alabama Military Academy. Subsequent assignments with the 117th Field Artillery included Headquarters Battery Executive Officer, Assistant Battalion Communications Officer and Battalion Liaison Officer.

He then served with Tennessee National Guard 3rd Battalion, 115th Field Artillery as Liaison Officer and later commanded a firing battery.

As a member of the Combat Exercise Division, 87th USA Maneuver Area Command, United States Army Reserve he served in positions of increased responsibility from 1977-1992. Those assignments included Assistant G-3 Controller, Field Artillery Battalion/Battery Controller, Assistant G-2 Controller, FDC Controller and G-3 Controller, and Deputy Chief of Field Artillery Group 1. He later served as Chief of Infantry Group 1 and culminated his career as the Chief of Field Artillery Group 1.

In 2008 he retired as Chief, Foreign Missiles Data Repository, Missile and Space Intelligence Center, Huntsville, Alabama.

His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal w/2 OLC.