



AMBASSADOR CHARLES A. RAY

CLASS 3-65

Ambassador Ray's initial assignment after Artillery Officer Candidate School was as Liaison Officer/Supply Officer, 4th Battalion, 18th Artillery, Hanau, Germany. After Special Forces, Psychological Operations, Civil Affairs and Vietnamese language training he served a tour in Vietnam with MACV/SOG (Military Assistance Command Vietnam Studies and Observation Group). He then served as Plans Officer, U.S. Army Intelligence Command, Ft Holibard, Maryland before returning to Vietnam as Chief, Collection Branch, 525th Military Intelligence Group. Subsequent assignments included Commanding the 24th Psychological Operations Detachment, Korea and Installation Commander Camp Market, Bupyong Korea.

After retirement from the Army, he joined the U.S Foreign Service and served in a variety of important positions to include Consular Officer in the Peoples Republic of China and Administrative Officer in Thailand.

Ambassador Ray was the first U.S. Consul General in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam and later served as Ambassador to Cambodia. He currently serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Ambassador Ray's decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Department of State Superior Honor Award and the Meritorious Honor Award.