

COLONEL-LEIF O. REINERTSEN, -USAR

OCS Class 27
27 Aug 1942

Colonel Reinertsen entered the U.S. Army as an enlisted man on 16 January 1942. He attended the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and was commissioned in the Field Artillery on 27 August 1942. His initial assignment was with the 128th Field Artillery at Camp Blanding, Florida.

In December 1942, he was assigned to the 6th Armored Field Artillery Group at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas and became a battery officer of the 93rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion. After staging in Oran, Africa, in September 1943, he served with the battalion through six campaigns in Italy, France, Germany and Austria and landed on Green Beach at H-1 during the assault and invasion of Southern France. During these campaigns he served as a reconnaissance, liaison, intelligence, and battery executive officer and performed on numerous missions as an artillery forward observer with both infantry and armored forces.

After occupation duty in Germany, he returned to CONUS, and on 13 November 1945 was assigned to the 342nd Armored Field Artillery Battalion at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. He left active duty on 16 May 1946, became a member of the Organized Reserve Corps, and was assigned to the 840th Field Artillery Battalion.

In April 1950, he qualified as a Military Police Corps officer and was then assigned to the 1300th ARSU stationed at Brooklyn Army Terminal. While in this unit, he served as Provost Marshal, Director of Intelligence and Executive Officer. Upon reorganization of the unit in September 1958, he was assigned to USAR Staging Station (7465) and served as Plans and Training Officer and Executive Officer. During this period, he also qualified as a Transportation Corps officer.

After promotion to Colonel in April 1965, he completed the Command and General Staff College Course, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces National Security Management Course, and a number of resident courses. He participated in a Logistics Management Study Group, performed annual training as an Evaluator, C&GS, and attended the U.S. Army Management School. He previously had completed the resident Military Police Advanced Course at the Provost Marshal General's School at Ft. Gordon, Georgia.

On 1 February 1968, he was assigned as Chief of Staff of the 77th U.S. Army Reserve Command, Ft. Totten, New York. The 77th ARCOM, commanded by Major General J. W. Kaine, is responsible for the training and readiness of over 200 Army Reserve units with over 20,000 personnel. Colonel Reinertsen became the Deputy Commander of this command on 1 August 1970.

He attended Brooklyn Technical High School, Pace College, the Police Academy, N.Y.C. Police Department, and various courses given under the City College Municipal Personnel Program.

Colonel Reinertsen's decorations include the Purple Heart, Bronze Star (V), and the Army Commendation Medal.

In civilian life, he is Commanding Officer of the Police Equipment Bureau, Police Department, City of New York. He lives in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, and has four children, one of whom is a Submarine Officer in the U.S. Navy.

31 October 1971

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

COLONEL LEIF C. REINERTSEN, USAR - Ret.

LEGION OF MERIT

PURPLE HEART

BRONZE STAR (V)

ARMY COMMENDATION

AMERICAN CAMPAIGN

EUROPEAN - MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE w/ Battle stars for 6 campaigns
and Invasion Arrowhead

WORLD WAR II VICTORY

ARMY OF OCCUPATION - GERMANY

ARMED FORCES RESERVE MEDAL

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

ARMY RESERVE COMPONENTS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL