COLONEL JAMES H. ROWAN

Colonel Rowan was commissioned from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School in August, 1969. After completion of Ranger School he was assigned to C Battery, 1st Battalion 82d Field Artillery, Americal Division, Republic of Viet Nam where he served as a Battery Fire Direction Officer, Forward Observer for B Troop, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry, and then as the Squadron's Artillery Liaison Officer.

Upon his return from Viet Nam, he commanded a Reception Company and Medical Holding Company for 18 months in the Training Center at Ft. Lewis. Upon activation of the 9th Infantry Division at Ft. Lewis, he commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Battery of the Division Artillery for 15 months.

Following completion of the Field Artillery Officers Advance Course he was assigned to the 2d Infantry Division, Republic of Korea where he commanded the Headquarters and Light Maintenance Company of the 702d Maintenance Battalion for 13 months.

Colonel Rowan was then assigned as the Area Commander of the Allentown Recruiting Area, Allentown, Pennsylvania. In 1978 he was assigned to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in the Federal Republic of Germany where he served as the Howitzer Battery Commander, 3d Squadron for 20 months in Bad Hersfeld and as the Regimental Fire Support Officer at the Regimental headquarters in Fulda.

Following graduation from the Command and General Staff College, he was assigned to the Field Artillery School as the Chief of the Logistics Branch and then Chief of the MLRS Branch, Weapons Department.

Colonel Rowan then returned to Germany where he was assigned to the Baumholder Military Community, as the Community Executive Officer and as the S-3 and Executive Officer for the 8th Infantry Division Artillery.

He then returned to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and the Field Artillery School as the Chief of the Rocket and Missile Division, Gunnery Department, until September 1989 when he assumed command of the 3d Battalion 18th Field Artillery. While under his command the battalion provided Direct Support Artillery missions with the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Colonel Rowan's family is in Lawton, Oklahoma. He and his wife have two daughters in college and a son in his senior year of high school.

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