



COLONEL LARRY D. RUCHTI

CLASS 40A-67

Colonel Ruchti's initial assignment after graduation from Artillery Officer Candidate School was Detail Platoon Leader, A Battery, 3rd Battalion, 38th Artillery (Sergeant Missile), Fort Sill. He then served in Vietnam as a Forward Observer with D Company, 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry and later as Fire Direction Officer, A Battery, 1st Battalion, 14th Artillery.

After release from active duty, he continued his career in the Reserves as Battery Executive Officer and then Commander of C Battery, 3rd Battalion, 14th Artillery, Cherokee, Iowa. His subsequent assignments included Battalion Fire Support Officer, S-3 and Battalion Executive Officer 3rd Battalion, 14th Artillery. Colonel Ruchti also served as the Brigade Fire Support Officer and Battalion Commander, 3rd Battalion, 14th Artillery, Sioux City, Iowa.

He later served as the Chief of Staff 6th Infantry Division, Fort Snelling, Minnesota. The last six years of his career were spent serving as Chief Battlefield Coordination Element, Deputy Chief of Staff Operations and finally the Deputy Chief of Staff, Camp Zama, U.S Army Japan, in the Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) program.

Colonel Ruchti's decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal