



**COMMAND SERGEANT
MAJOR
FREDERICK SEXTON**

CLASS 21A-67

As a newly commissioned Second Lieutenant, Command Sergeant Major Sexton began an extended tour of duty in Vietnam. The first year was spent as an FO and Battery FDO with Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 319th Field Artillery, 101st Airborne Division. He then served as Battery XO and Assistant S-3, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 2nd Battalion, 321st Field Artillery, 82nd Airborne Division. He then Commanded Battery C, 1st Battalion, 8th Field Artillery, 25th Infantry Division and later served as Brigade LNO. His 40 month Vietnam tour of duty culminated as the Task Force LNO with 3rd Battalion, 319th Field Artillery, 173rd Airborne Brigade.

Reverting to enlisted status in 1974, he served on the Airborne Test Board, Fort Bragg as operations NCO and Test Jumper. In Germany he was a Howitzer Section Chief and S-3 NCO. He was later an Instructor at the XVIII Airborne Corps NCO Academy and then served as S-3 NCO, Intelligence NCO, and later the First Sergeant of Headquarters Battery DIVARTY, 82nd Airborne. He was the Command Sergeant Major 4th Battalion, 77th Field Artillery in Germany and culminated his career as Command Sergeant Major, 2nd Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Command Sergeant Major Sexton's decorations and awards include: the Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal (five Oak Leaf Clusters), Legion of Merit, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal (four Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters) and the Army Achievement Medal.

Command Sergeant Major Sexton has the distinction of having jumped with the 82nd Airborne in four different decades.