

Raymond L. Shackelford, Jr. Class 5-66

Mr. Shackelford served in Vietnam for 38 months, during two combat tours. While serving as a Forward Observer with 1st Battalion, 21st Artillery, he was wounded and medevaced to Japan. He returned to duty three months later to serve as the Artillery Liaison Officer to 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division. After being seriously wounded again, he was medevaced out of Vietnam to Japan and then back to the States.

He served as Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 2nd Field Artillery at Fort Sill and then attended Unit Sector Training at the Army Special Warfare School, Fort Bragg. He served as a District Senior Advisor in Phouc Tuy province prior to duty as the Senior U.S. Army Advisor to the Vietnamese Army 52nd Artillery Battalion. He returned to Fort Sill and completed his active duty service, as a Battery Commander in the 2nd AIT Battalion.

His decorations include the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with "V" and Two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart with Two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Mr. Shackelford later founded the Anyway Foundation, whose mission is to help the less fortunate. He and his support group, including employees at his Nehalem Bay and Depoe Bay Wineries in Oregon, have purchased land for schools, built class rooms, built cabins for teachers, drilled water wells, provided school supplies and made countless other contributions. He has built two schools and an orphanage in Cambodia and a school and orphanage in the Philippines and spends much of his time working to improve and enhance these projects.