



**COLONEL
LESLIE D. THATCHER
CLASS 4-66**

Colonel Thatcher attended Airborne School before being assigned to Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 82nd Artillery at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. He deployed with the unit to Vietnam with duty as a Forward Observer. He then served at the First U.S. Army NCO Academy at Fort Knox, as Chief of the Operations Division and later attended Flight School. During a second tour in Vietnam he served with the 144th Aviation Company, 509th Radio Research Group and commanded companies in the 313th Radio Research Battalion.

He later served as G-2 Air and G-2 Operations, Headquarters 101st Airborne Division, S-2 of the 101st Aviation Battalion. Subsequent assignments included Inspector General of the Intelligence and Security Command Pacific and CINCPAC Command Center J-3 Air, in Hawaii.

After completing Special Forces training he commanded the 402nd Army Security Agency Detachment and the 10th Military Intelligence Company, 10th Special Forces Group at Fort Devens. He then served at Fort Bragg as G-2 USA Special Operations Command and J-2 of Special Operations Atlantic. He later commanded the 201st Military Intelligence Battalion at Vint Hills Farm Station (VHFS), Virginia and culminated his career as Base Commander NATO Allied Forces, Southern Europe, Naples, Italy.

Colonel Thatcher's decorations include the Bronze Star with "V", the Bronze Star with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal