

Colonel Robert Thiesing (Class 514-68)

Colonel Robert Thiesing was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from Artillery Officer Candidate School Class 514-68 on November 5, 1968.

He served in the active and Reserve Army, and the Army National Guard. He served as an attack helicopter pilot, section commander, and section leader with the 334th Aviation Company, 145th Aviation Battalion in Vietnam. As a member of the National Guard, he served in numerous aviation related positions for the state of Connecticut. He commanded Bravo Company, 26th Aviation Battalion and the 2nd Battalion, 126th Aviation Regiment.

His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with "V" device, and the Meritorious Service Medal. He retired from the Connecticut National Guard and served as the senior helicopter captain for Aetna, Incorporated.