



**Colonel
Lamar Tooke
Class 20B-67**

Colonel Tooke served as a Platoon Leader in the Officer Candidate Brigade and the Artillery Combat Leader Battalion, prior to a tour in Vietnam as an Advisor with MACV Team 54.

He returned to Fort Sill and commanded B Battery, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Field Artillery. He later served as Operations Officer during an assignment with the 7th Army Training Center, United States Army Europe. Upon returning to Fort Sill, he served with the 3rd Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, first as Service Battery Commander, then Battalion S-3 and finally Battalion Executive Officer. His next assignment was Fire Support Element Team Chief at III Corps Artillery. He then served as Operations Officer, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations & Plans, U.S. Army Pacific.

Colonel Tooke's next assignment was Battalion Commander, Long Island Recruiting Battalion, Fort Hamilton. He returned to Fort Sill again serving as Operations Officer at the Field Artillery Training Center, then Battalion Commander 1st Battalion, 19th Field Artillery and later Director Plans and Training at the Field Artillery School.

He culminated his military career as a member of the U.S. Army War College faculty. He continued his service to the nation until retiring as Vice President of Operations International Training, Inc. in 2012. During his tenure as Vice President of Operations, over 15,000 intelligence and special operations community employees were trained and prepared for deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan. Colonel Tooke's decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Combat Infantryman Badge.