



**COLONEL
JOHN N. TRAGESSER**

CLASS 4-60

Colonel Tragesser attended Airborne Training and Jumpmaster School at Fort Benning, Georgia after graduating from Field Artillery Officer Candidate School. He then attended Rotary Wing Aviator Training at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He served in Vietnam as a Rotary Wing Unit Commander and later served as an Operations and Training Officer.

During his career Colonel Tragesser served in a variety of positions in Army aviation research and development and Army personnel program management. He also served as a Rotary Wing Instrument Flight Examiner and was a Master Army Aviator. He also attended Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. His career culminated at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri as the Chief, Assessment Division with OPM Army Helicopter Improvement Program.

Colonel Tragesser's decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (with Three Oak Leaf Clusters), the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal (with Two Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Air Medal (38 awards).