

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH FOR THE FIELD ARTILLERY OCS HALL OF FAME

Name: (Last Name, First) Van Cook, Arthur F.		OCS Class & Year: 36 1942	Rank: LTC	Retirement Date: July 1, 1964	DOB: Mar 6, 1919	Date: 01/20/01
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Date of Rank						Awards and Decorations
	2LT	1LT	CPT	MAJ	LTC	
DOR	10/29/42	06/01/44	10/24/44	06/11/53	10/28/61	Silver Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal w/ Oak Leaf Cluster, American Defense Medal, European-African-Middle East Campaign Medal w/ four (4) battle stars and arrow-head, World War II Victory Medal, Army Occupation (Germany) Medal and the National Defense Service Medal
	COL	BG	MG	LTG	GEN	

Assignment History				
From	To	Organization	Station	Duty Title
1935	1941	258th FA Regt. NYNG	New York	First Sergeant
1941	1942	Inducted into Federal Service Selected for OCS, Ft. Sill	Ft. Sill, Okla	1st Sgt./Candidate
	1942	Graduated Class 36, OCS	Ft. Sill, Okla	2nd Lt
1942	1943	375th FA Bn, 100th Inf Div	Ft. Jackson, So. Caro	Ass't S-2 (SurveyO)
1943	1944	111th FA Bn. 29th Inf Div	Plymouth, England	Ass't S-2
1944	1945	111th FA Bn 29th Inf Div	D-Day OMAHA Beach France, Holland, Ger.	Arty LnO, Forward Observer, Battery Commander
1945	1948	991 FA Bn NYNG	New York	Bn. S-3/Btry Cmdr
1948	1949	Recalled to active duty 365 Inf Trng Regt	Ft. Dix, N.J	Company Commander
1949	1952	European Command Intel & MP School	Oberammergau, Ger.	Instructor/Co. Cmdr
1952	1955	HQ. Dept of the Army, ACoFS, G-2	Pentagon, WASH DC	Staff officer

Assignment History (Continued)

From	To	Organization	Station	Duty Title
1955	1956	Artillery Off, Advance Course	Ft. Sill, Okla	Student/ Graduated
1956	1957	VI Corps Artillery	Korea	Corps/Arty S-7
1957	1958	US Army C& GSC College	Ft. Leavenworth, Kan	Student/Graduate
1958	1960	4th Inf Div Arty	Ft. Lewis, Wash	S-3, Div Arty
1960	1964	Office, Sec Def	Pentagon, Wash DC	Staff Officer
1964		Retired w/ 29 years service		

ATTACHMENT

LTC Van Cook retired from the Army in June 1964, 20 years following the Omaha Beach invasion on "D" Day!!

During his career LTC Van Cook was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster, American Defense Medal, European-African-Middle East Campaign Medal w/4 Battle Stars and Arrowhead, World War II Victory Medal, Army Occupation (Germany) Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

Following his distinguished military career, Mr. Van Cook continued his Federal service in various assignments which included Director of Information Security in the Department of Defense from September 1973 to July 1982, and promoted into the Senior Executive Service (SES). During this period, he was designated as Chairman of the National Military Information Disclosure Policy Committee and as United States Representative to the NATO Security Committee.

Mr. Van Cook retired in July 1982. He had been and continues to be recognized throughout the Executive Branch of government and defense industry as an authority on U.S. Security Classification and Safeguarding System.

In his capacity as Chairman of the National Military Information Disclosure Policy Committee, Mr. Van Cook was involved directly in the development and negotiation of bilateral security arrangements between the U.S. and foreign governments.

In recognition of his Federal Civil Service, Mr. Van Cook has been awarded the Department of the Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Achievement Medal, and the Secretary of Defense Distinguished Service Medal.