

COLONEL JOHN H. BLACK
U.S. Army, Retired



COL Black's career spanned more than 29 years and was characterized by the most challenging tactical Military Intelligence assignments. At every echelon from company through corps, COL Black gained a reputation as a respected training innovator.

As S2 of the 2/17th Cavalry Squadron, 101st Airborne Division in the Republic of Vietnam, he was the only Military Intelligence officer serving at battalion level in the division. Under his command, the 105th MI Battalion became a catalyst for training excellence through repetitive rotations at the National Training Center and Exercise TEAM SPIRIT in Korea. Lessons learned from these training scenarios were fundamental to the development of Army doctrine for battle-focused training. As Director, Department of

Tactics at the Intelligence Center and School, COL Black was the principal designing influence on the Military Intelligence Officer Advance Course. He reoriented its focus to all-source intelligence and preparing officers for command and battalion and brigade S2.

COL Black was selected by name to be the Deputy G2 of Third Army during Operation DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM. During his tour he helped develop the intelligence electronic warfare synchronization plan and matrix which focused G2 operations on requirements of the commander's battle plan.

COL Black's last duty assignments were at the United States Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca where he se



COL Black in Iraq during Operation DESERT STORM

Command (TRADOC) Systems Manager for Ground Systems, and in various senior training positions. He retired in 1995.

In November 1994, the Military Intelligence Corps Association (MICA) was born, with COL Black a driving force behind its creation. He was elected to serve as the first president of the national organization.

COL Black's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star Medal (with V device), Meritorious Service Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Air Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), and National Defense Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster).

COL Black was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1996.