

COLONEL DONALD W. BLASCAK

US Army, Retired



COL Blascak was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Armor in 1956 and served in Armor units in Korea and at Fort Riley until 1959. After an assignment with J2, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, in 1962, he attended the Military Intelligence Officer Career Course and returned to Vietnam as the S2, Detachment C-4, 5th Special Forces Group.

In 1966, COL Blascak became a Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), followed in 1969 by an assignment as a Special Assistant in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence (ACSI). During this tour he implemented the ACSI Review and Analysis Program, which served as the management vehicle for all Army intelligence activities.

In 1971, COL Blascak became the Chief, Operations and Intelligence Committee, US Army John F. Kennedy Institute for Military Assistance. He was subsequently assigned as G2, 1st Cavalry Division and Commander, 163rd MI Battalion, at Fort Hood, Texas. He then served as Chief, Individual Training Division, at the US Army Intelligence Center and School (USAICS), Fort Huachuca, Arizona. He developed training strategies and material, technical aids, career progression models, job and task analysis, and skill qualification measures for all MI Soldiers. In 1979, COL Blascak assumed command of the School Brigade at USAICS.

From 1981 to 1985, he served as G2, V Corps, Frankfurt, Germany, before becoming Director, Intelligence and Electronic Warfare, Headquarters, Training and Doctrine Command. In this position, COL Blascak integrated MI concepts, doctrine, equipment, organization, and combat development into the Active and Reserve Components worldwide.

COL Blascak retired in October 1986. His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Air Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters).

COL Blascak was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1990.



COL Blascak accepts his Hall of Fame certificate from MG Paul Menoher, 1990.