

## CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FIVE LON CASTLETON US Army, Retired



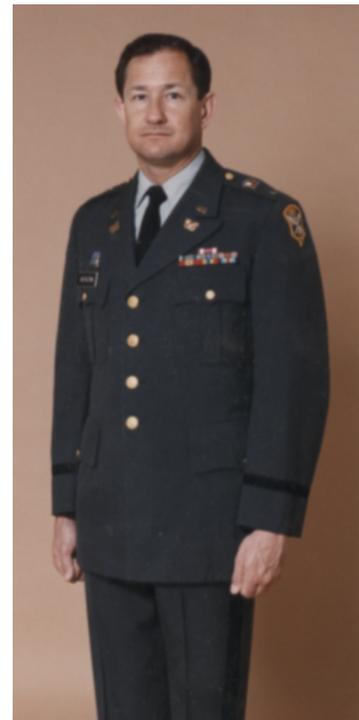
CW5 Lon Castleton is a native of Idaho and enlisted in the US Army in 1973 as a Transportation Movement Specialist. He soon transferred to Military Intelligence (MI) and was selected as a Counterintelligence Agent. CW5 Castleton served as a noncommissioned officer in the 470<sup>th</sup> MI Group, Republic of Panama; the 525<sup>th</sup> MI Group, Fort MacArthur, California; and the 209<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion in Seoul, Korea.

In 1981, CW5 Castleton was appointed as a Counterintelligence Warrant Officer. His first duty was to establish the 902<sup>d</sup> MI Group's field office at the newly activated National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California. Upon completion of the MI Warrant Officer Advance Course in 1984, he was assigned as the Chief of Counterintelligence and Security

Section at the forward deployed 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment in Fulda, Germany. During that time, he personally supervised numerous sensitive counterintelligence investigations and developed a superb multi-disciplined threat database designed to confront terrorist activity.

In 1987, CW5 Castleton was selected for the Great Skills program and served as the project officer in the Army Special Plans Office. He also served as the Program Manager developing extremely sensitive chemical and biological warfare strategic plans, which subsequently had arms control implications. These plans were soon put to the test in support of Operations DESERT SHIELD/STORM.

CW5 Castleton served as the Chief, Operations Branch of the Army Field Support Center where he provided specialized mission support to units throughout the world. He also was selected for an assignment with the newly formed Defense Human Intelligence (HUMINT) Service where he served with distinction and was recognized as the Department of Defense subject matter expert on counter-drug and counter-terrorism operations. CW5 Castleton was then selected by the Great Skills program to serve as the career manager and senior recruiter for the Area Intelligence Program.



Throughout his career, CW5 Castleton was always committed to training the best Intelligence Soldiers possible. This commitment led to his selection and subsequent assignment as the Chief of the Counterintelligence and HUMINT Training Committee at the Army Intelligence Center and School. Through his hard work and diligence, he was nominated and selected to serve as the Chief Warrant Officer of the MI Corps and was immediately selected to be the MI representative to the Army Chief of Staff's Army Training and Leader Development Planning Team. Also during this time, he volunteered for a deployment in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM where he conducted detailed counterintelligence and HUMINT assessments.



CW5 Castleton retired with more than 31 years of faithful and devoted service to his MI Corps and the Warrant Officer Corps. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Army Achievement Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters).

CW5 Castleton was inducted in the Hall of Fame in 2007. He served as the Honorary Warrant Officer of the Corps from 2007-2014 and is now a Distinguished Member of the Corps.