

COLONEL ALFRED H. ELLIOTT, III
US Army, Retired
Honorary Colonel of the MI Corps



COL Alfred H. Elliott, III earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Law from Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania in 1969. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in Infantry. After attending the Infantry Officer Basic Course he was assigned to Fort Dix, New Jersey as the training officer in a Basic Training Battalion. In 1970, he attended helicopter flight training at Fort Walters, Texas and Fort Rucker, Alabama.

During his career, COL Elliott served as a commander, aide-de-camp, operations officer, deputy director of flight training, and director of combat developments. He spent his tactical time primarily in Europe and Southeast Asia. He served in Vietnam for 16 months as a helicopter pilot and participated in numerous combat operations. He subsequently was assigned to the 2nd Armored

Cavalry Regiment where he began his long association with Army intelligence while serving as a border reconnaissance troop commander and flying surveillance and reconnaissance missions along the inner-German border.

In the intervening years, COL Elliott held positions of increasingly greater responsibility in the aviation community to include flight operations officer, flight instructor, and director of flight training. While attending Command and General Staff College, COL Elliott was awarded an alternate skill specialty as a Signals Intelligence Officer. Following Command and General Staff College in 1982, COL Elliott received his first assignment to an Intelligence organization, serving with the Joint Electronic Warfare Center (JEWIC). COL Elliott would never again leave the MI Corps. In 1993, after 11 years of successful service in MI positions, he branch transferred to Military Intelligence.

COL Elliott had a profound impact on intelligence while assigned as Chief, Requirements Branch, Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, US Army Europe (USAREUR) and Seventh Army. He was a major force behind the successful development and restructuring of the USAREUR intelligence strategy and associated architectures for dealing with post-Cold War Europe. COL Elliott led the effort to identify and acquire essential, state-of-the-art intelligence systems necessary to maximize

intelligence collection support throughout Europe. Among his most significant contributions were the fielding of the Tactical Radar Correlator, a system capable of providing tactical commanders access to critical strategic level intelligence, and fielding of the USAREUR Imagery Exploitation System (UIES), which later deployed to support Operation DESERT STORM. He also assisted in concept and architecture development for deploying the first Trojan SPIRIT to the Gulf War.

COL Elliott culminated his European tour as the Deputy Commander, 66th Military Intelligence Brigade. From this position he ensured that, in spite of the radical downsizing and reorganization occurring throughout the Army during the early 1990s, the 66th MI Brigade continued to provide the outstanding intelligence support expected of its diverse units deployed throughout Germany. His creativity and compassion were repeatedly singled out as providing effective solutions and ensuring mission accomplishment while minimizing turbulence for the unit.

In 1993, COL Elliott was selected by name to become the Director of Combat Developments at the US Army Intelligence Center, Fort Huachuca, Arizona. During his tenure, he built on his earlier initiatives to integrate national intelligence products into an operational architecture. His goal was to ensure tactical commanders could pull the relevant information and intelligence they needed to build a common picture of the battlefield.

Subsequently selected for brigade command, COL Elliott served as the Garrison Commander, US Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca. He developed close ties with the local civilian and military communities and was a vigilant steward of the environment. His leadership was instrumental in Fort Huachuca's receipt of Department of the Army and Department of Energy Conservation Awards.

COL Elliott's final assignment was on the Army Staff as Chief, Intelligence and Electronic Warfare Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Force Development. His in-depth knowledge of force development and modernization processes, intelligence requirements, and his ability to balance resources resulted in a tactical intelligence modernization program. Under his mentorship, this program grew in capability. His greatest contribution may have been his ability to see the direction that Army intelligence needed to take as it headed into the 21st Century and to push it in that direction.

COL Elliott's awards include the Legion of Merit (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Bronze Star, the Air Medal with the number 17, the Joint Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal.

COL Elliott was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2003. He began serving a term as the Honorary Colonel of the Corps in 2012.



COL (Ret) Al Elliott receives his certificate as Honorary Colonel of the MI Corps from Adjutant of the Corps COL Roger Sangvic during the 2012 Hall of Fame ceremony. Outgoing Honorary Colonel of the Corps, COL (Ret) Rick Allenbaugh stands on the far left, and CSM Todd Holiday, the Sergeant Major of the Corps, stands on the far right.