

COLONEL JOHN A. PATTISON US Army, Retired



COL Pattison was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army in 1959 and served for six years in company grade positions in Artillery units. In 1965, COL Pattison joined the MI Branch and attended the MI Orientation Course, followed in 1966 by the MI Officer Advanced Course and the Intelligence Research Officer Course. One of the first professional S2/G2s in the modern MI Branch, COL Pattison served as the S2 of a battalion, a group, and a separate infantry brigade (in combat). In 1972, after attending the Command and General Staff College, COL Pattison joined the 66th MI Group in Germany, where he served as Group S2, Detachment Commander, and Group Executive Officer until 1976. He then spent three years as the G2, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) before becoming Chief, Intelligence Systems Integration Division, Office of the

Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence at Department of the Army.

Following his graduation from the Army War College in 1982, COL Pattison became Director of Training and Doctrine, and in 1983 was named the first Deputy Assistant Commandant, at the US Army Intelligence Center and School. At the home of MI, COL Pattison made significant contributions by improving all Programs of Instruction to better prepare MI officers and Soldiers in meeting the requirements of units in the field. He also personally wrote and edited a significant portion of the first MI capstone manual, FM 34-1, *Intelligence Operations*.

In 1985, after a year as G2, XVIII Airborne Corps, he assumed command of the 525th MI Brigade (Airborne) for two years. In this command position, COL Pattison earned a reputation as a skillful leader always being "out front" where he led his Soldiers to great accomplishments and accolades. A master paratrooper, his concepts involving intelligence support to airborne and air assault operations proved particularly valuable. In 1987, COL Pattison returned to the Intelligence Center and School as Deputy Commandant, where he continued to positively influence changes in doctrine, training and combat developments resulting in increased capability and an enhanced image of the MI Branch and its Soldiers.

COL Pattison retired from active service in May 1989 from the US Army Intelligence Center and School. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (1 Oak Leaf

Cluster), the Bronze Star Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Air Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and various badges.

COL Pattison was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1991. He served as the Honorary Colonel of the Corps from 1998 to 2006 and subsequently became a Distinguished Member of the Corps.