

COLONEL HAROLD W. VORHIES

US Army, Retired



COL Vorhies entered federal service in 1953. Commissioned a Second Lieutenant, he served nine years with the Quartermaster Corps and Field Artillery before assignment to the US Army Security Agency (USASA), spending the remainder of his 30 years of active Federal service in Military Intelligence.

Early in his career, Vorhies was instrumental in the development and implementation of a new system of inventory management, equipment requirements, and budget computation which saved USASA an estimated \$6 million. As logistics expediter for a high priority airborne Signals Intelligence/Electronic Warfare system directed by the Department of Defense, his efforts contributed significantly to the successful and timely design, fabrication and fielding of one of the Army's earliest

active/passive electronic warfare airborne systems in Southeast Asia.

While assigned to J2, US Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, his initiatives as Chief, Documents Branch, and Director, US Element, Combined Document Exploitation Center (CDEC), resulted in major improvements in collection, production, and dissemination of information which provided Military Intelligence with valuable lessons learned. His actions earned him recognition in the form of the award of the Republic of Korea Order of Military Merit (In Hun) from Korea's President, Park Jung Hee, and the Staff Service Honor Medal from the Republic of Vietnam.

Later, COL Vorhies served in command and staff assignments at USASA and the US Army Intelligence and Security Command, to include Commander, Arlington Hall Station, Virginia, and Commander, 504th ASA Group. In between these two command assignments, COL Vorhies also served as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, and Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, as well as attended the National War College, where he was selected as a Distinguished Graduate. In 1978, he was assigned to the National Security Agency (NSA), where he served successively as Deputy Chief, NSA/Central Security Service Europe (1978-1982), and at Fort Meade, Maryland, as Program Manager for a special project related to improving Signal Intelligence support to tactical commanders (1982-1983). COL Vorhies was a leader in the formalization and maturation of today's Military Intelligence structure. Serving throughout the Cold War

and numerous crises, he consistently contributed to the successful accomplishment of the Military Intelligence mission.

COL Vorhies retired in 1983. His numerous awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal, the Order of Military Merit (Republic of Korea), and the Staff Service Honor Medal (Republic of Vietnam).

COL Vorhies was inducted into the MI Hall of Fame in 1999.