



COLONEL RICHARD G. BROWN

US Army, Retired

NDR Hall of Fame Induction: 24 March 2018

Colonel Richard Brown is a 1957 alumnus of Northwestern State College. He was an ROTC Company Commander before commissioning as an Armor Officer in the US Army Reserve. He completed the Armor Office Basic Course and the Mess Supervisor Course. His initial assignment was to HHC, US Army XIX Corps. In 1960, he transferred to the Louisiana Army National Guard and remained in the National Guard until his retirement in 1990.

Colonel Brown's life was an outstanding example of community involvement and service, both as a civilian and as a soldier. He was a superb athlete, so recognized by his induction into Northwestern N-Club Hall of Fame for Baseball and Basketball while a student at Northwestern.

Colonel Brown became a teacher, coach, and a principal in the Sabine Parish School System and completed the US Army Armor Officer Basic Course. In 1967, he joined the faculty at Northwestern and worked as an Assistant Professor of Social Science and Associate Professor of History until 1979. He took a one-year sabbatical to serve as the Army National Guard Historian, Instructor, Researcher, and Acting Chief of the Research Committee, Combat Studies Institute, for the US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS. Upon his departure, he received a certificate authorizing him to have the "Leavenworth Lamp."

In 1981, he was selected again to serve on active duty and was assigned as a staff officer and National Guard Advisor to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Doctrine, Headquarters, US Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, VA. In 1982, he returned to Northwestern as a Professor of History. In 1983, he joined the staff at the Louisiana School for Math Science and the Arts (LSMSA).

LSMSA is the preeminent residential high school with competitive admissions for Louisiana's high-achieving, highly motivated sophomores, juniors, and seniors. In 1986, Colonel Brown became the school's Acting Director and was named Director in 1987. He established a Veteran's Day program that is still conducted each year by LSMSA students. In July 1990, he chose to return to the classroom where he could be more closely associated with young people. He passed away in 2000, still a member of the LSMSA faculty.

Colonel Brown has been awarded a Legion of Merit and a Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.