



## MAJOR LEONARD "TED" FOWLER US Army, Retired

**NDR Hall of Fame Induction: 24 March 2018**

Major Leonard "Ted" Fowler is a 1968 alumnus of Northwestern State College and an ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate. He commissioned in the Field Artillery Corps and completed the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, OK.

Major Fowler's initial assignment was Executive Officer to C Battery, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 36<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, Fort Sill, OK. In 1970, he commanded Service Battery, 2/36 FA, as they prepared for deployment to the Republic of Vietnam. He then took command of C Battery, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 77<sup>th</sup> FA, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Republic of Vietnam, and had a follow-on command of Headquarters Battery, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 11<sup>th</sup> FA, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Republic of Vietnam, until 1971. He returned to Fort Sill, OK, to serve as Assistant S-4, III Corps Artillery, then as Assistant S-4, 100<sup>th</sup> Support and Sustainment Battalion. He separated from active duty on 31 Jan 1974 to attend graduate school.

In 1975, Major Fowler joined the Louisiana Army National Guard. He commanded Headquarters Company, 199<sup>th</sup> Support Battalion, prior to serving as the Brigade Maintenance Officer for the 256<sup>th</sup> Mechanized Infantry Brigade. He then served as Executive Officer for the 1<sup>st</sup>/156<sup>th</sup> Armor Battalion. Later, he was assigned as Signal Officer for the 225<sup>th</sup> Support Group. He went into the Inactive Reserve in 1987 and retired in 1989.

Major Fowler's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

In retirement, Major Fowler taught history, civics, physical education, and health and served as the Coordinator for the Project for High Risk Dropouts. He coached junior high and freshman football and assisted with track and basketball. He coached powerlifting and was the trainer for the Natchitoches Central Football Team. After he retired from teaching in 2005, he worked at the Winn Corrections Center until 2010. There, he taught a literacy class for inmates in preparation for the GED program.

Major Fowler has held volunteer positions for countless local community organizations. In addition to serving as Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff for the Northwestern Demon Regiment, he is the Commander of Natchitoches J. C. Keyser VFW Post 1962 and 2nd Vice Commander of Natchitoches AL Gordon Peters Post 10.

Major Fowler is married to the former Deanna Lynn Potter of Haxtun, CO. They have three sons and six grandchildren.