



LTC RICHARD “DICKIE” ROGERS

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Lieutenant Colonel Rogers graduated from NSU in 1962 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and commissioned as an active duty Infantry officer. His first assignment was with the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX, where he served as a Platoon Leader, Reconnaissance Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, Company Commander, and Plans and Operations Officer Air for the 2nd Battalion, 50th Infantry.

He joined the US Military Assistance Command Program and deployed to Vietnam to serve as a Battalion Advisor to Vietnamese ground forces. Lieutenant Colonel Rogers was awarded the Silver Star for his combat actions in the fall of 1965.

He then served as a Company Commander for the 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division. Lieutenant Colonel Rogers deployed again to Vietnam in the summer of 1967, during which time he was awarded a second Silver Star on 26 Oct 1968 for combat actions in the battle of Fire Support Base Julie.

After returning from Vietnam, LTC Rogers served as the Assistant Professor of Military Science at the University of Arkansas. He then served as a Battalion Logistics Officer, Executive Officer, and Plans and Operations Officer for the 2nd Infantry Division, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA. Lieutenant Colonel Rogers attended the Command and General Staff College and was invited to remain as an instructor at the College.

He was assigned to the staff of the 2nd Armored Division (Forward) prior to assuming command of the 2nd Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment. He returned to Fort Leavenworth as an instructor for the Combined Arms and Services Staff College.

On 1 October 1982, Lieutenant Colonel Rogers retired from active duty with over 20 years of service to the nation. He earned a Master of Science in Business Administration from the University of Arkansas. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Airborne Course, Defense Language Institute (Vietnamese), Electronic Warfare Officer Course, the Command and General Staff Officer Course, and the US Army War College.

Lieutenant Colonel Rogers' awards and decorations include the Silver Star Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star (w/3 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (w/2 OLC), Air Medal (w/1 Numeral device), Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Combat Infantryman and Parachutist Badges.

After military retirement, Lieutenant Colonel Rogers was employed as the Director of Operations for Mexican Original prior to its acquisition by Tyson Foods. He later worked for the American Railroad Company and then for the University of Arkansas. There, he served as the program manager for their business incubator, the Genesis Program. He also worked in commercial real estate and for the Sara Lee Corporation. Lieutenant Colonel Rogers retired in Heber Springs, AR, where he was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Heber Springs until his passing in 2019.