



LTC(R) Victor Holsapple

Lieutenant Colonel Holsapple enlisted in the Army and quickly rose through the ranks from Private to Sergeant First Class before entering Officer Candidate School. After commissioning, Holsapple served with the 4th Infantry Division in Washington before serving three tours of duty in Vietnam. On one of those tours, he was a member of the Special Forces on and around the Cambodian border. His second tour involved duty with the 173d Airborne Brigade, and on his last tour of duty in Vietnam, he served with both the 82d Airborne Division and the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile). During these tours, he held positions as a detachment, platoon, and company commander, S3, and S4. Colonel Holsapple was wounded four times and received three Purple Hearts. In addition to duty in Southeast Asia, he has served tours of duty in Europe, including four years with the Berlin Brigade, Central, and South America. His CONUS assignments also included instructor positions at the Infantry School at Ft Benning, GA, and as an ROTC instructor at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, LA from which he retired from active military service and began a career as a teacher. Vic taught at Hammond High School in Hammond and at Jim Hill High School in Jackson, MS. He also taught courses at SLU. Vic retired from teaching in 2003 and he and his wife, Peggy, have made their home in Brandon, MS. His daughter, Donna, resides in Charlotte, NC and is herself a retired Army Officer. Donna has the distinction of being the *first* female Green Beret Officer in the Army.