

# Colonel (Ret.) Deborah O. Read

Year of Commission: 1973

BA in English Education



Colonel (Ret.) Read served 31 years in the U.S. Army and USAR. Commissioning into an Army with under 2% women, she was often the ranking or only female officer assigned. Among the first women trained in Air Defense Artillery, she was also the first female officer assigned to Fort Benning's 197<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, serving as Assistant S-2 then Assistant S-1. As one of the first woman Instructors at the U.S. Army Infantry School, she taught Officer Basic and Advanced Courses and Military Intelligence at Officer Candidate School. Her service includes Assistant Professor of Military Science duties at the University of Detroit, University of Michigan, and Purdue University. She invested over half of her career developing thousands of Cadets and Candidates into future leaders at both U.S. Army Cadet Command and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Year Inducted: 2014