

Captain Fred Ranck

Year of Commission: 1967

BA in Physics, BS in Civil Engineering and a MA in Transportation Planning



Captain Ranck commissioned as an Infantry Officer into the U.S. Army in 1967 and served with distinction as a platoon leader and company commander in the 101st Airborne Division during the Vietnam War. He served a second tour as an advisor to the 1st Army of the Republic Vietnam. During the war he earned 16 decorations including two Silver Stars, three Bronze Star with “V” device for valor, four Purple Heart medals for combat wounds, two Air Medals and two Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry. After being medically discharged in 1972, he earned a Master’s Degree from the University of Illinois and spent the remainder of his working years as a highway safety engineer for the Federal Highway Administration. He led the effort in developing highway safety standards for the State of Illinois. Captain Ranck has also served his community as a Boy Scout Scoutmaster and he is a lifetime member in the 101st Airborne Division Association where he has served as the Vice President and later President.

Year Inducted: 2022