

Milan O. Georgia, Jr.-Military Bio

Milan O. Georgia, Jr. was Drafted into the United States Army on February 7th, 1968, through his Local Draft Board No.3, based In Wilmington, Delaware 19701. He had received a letter from then President Lyndon Baines Johnson. His actual induction was completed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania's Induction Center.

Upon completion of the induction process he was immediately sent, by Rail train, to Fayetteville, North Carolina. Once in Fayetteville, he was picked up by Bus and checked into the Ft. Bragg, Basic Infantry Training Center and Special Forces Training Base, Home Station of the 82nd Airborne.

After Completion of Basic Infantry Training, he was transferred to Ft. Gordon, Georgia in Augusta, Ga., to enter Advanced Individual Training (A.I.T.) in the U.S. Army Southeastern Signal School for a Communications Center Specialist Course. Upon Completion of the course, he was promoted to the rank of Specialist Fourth Class and given the designation or Military Occupational Specialty of 72B20.

After completion of his A.I.T. training he elected to interview for Officer Candidate School (O.C.S.). He had already pre-qualified through the "battery testing" done in Fayetteville, N. C., however wanted to explore the possibility of Communications Specialist as his military occupation.

Not satisfied with the course in Signal School, Milan opted for O.C.S. with the promise of selection of Helicopter Flight School upon completion, of the Course. Once being accepted to Officer Training at Ft. Benning, Ga. in Columbus Ga., Home of the Infantry School and Ranger Training Headquarters.

Milan completed the 7 month course on February 15th, 1969 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry Branch. His school selection was granted for Helicopter Flight School.

First assignment was a temporary assignment as a Training Officer, to Ft. Polk, La. Ft. Polk's Post Surgeon required all new training personnel, to complete an Emergency Medical Procedures Course, for the safety of all Trainees (12-hour course), completed on March 12, 1969.

Milan received orders to report for the next United States Army Primary Helicopter School at Fort Wolters, Texas in Mineral Wells, Texas and completed the course October 10th, 1969. From there Milan proceeded to Fort Rucker, in Dothan, Alabama for the second half of Flight Training, graduating on February 25th, 1970. Orders for Viet Nam had not been generated at his graduation date, while awaiting orders he flew with the Flat-Iron Emergency Rescue Helicopter Unit, while awaiting orders.

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Upon receipt of orders to Viet Nam he proceeded to Ton San Nute airfield for unit assignment on May 4th, 1970, whereupon he was posted to the 116th Assault Helicopter Company.

Milan arrived with 4 other 1st Lieutenants at the 116th Assault Helicopter Company and after the second day there, he had volunteered for the companies Gun Ship Platoon. Whereupon he became the Platoon Leader (until he processed out of country on May 4th, 1971) taking part in the Cambodian Insertion Operation while in Cu Chi, RVN. After the 116th was moved to Chu Lai he also participated in Lan Som 719 a.k.a. the Laosion insertions.

He was sent to, attended and graduated from the Officers Armament Course, in Phu Loi, RVN on October 23rd, 1970.

In May of 1971 Captain Georgia, returned to stateside duty at Ft. Bliss, Texas in El Paso. He assumed the duties of Adjutant of the School Brigade from May until August of 1971, from August 1971 to March of 1972 Cpt Georgia served as the Executive Officer of the Student Battalion of the School Brigade. The Battalion was made up of some 3000 men.

Cpt. Georgia then proceeded to Headquarters Command of Ft. Bliss to undertake festivities of Armed Forces Day for 1972. As project Officer, he was commended for establishing the highest attendance record for that Celebration, in the Post's History.

Finally a Command position opened up with A Battery, Headquarters Command. As Commanding Officer responsible for some 350 men, their Unit's Fund, Health Welfare and Well Being for their billeting and legal action of the battery.

In 1970, President Nixon sent me a letter saying I could not be an Officer in his Army, without a College Degree. Although taking night school classes at UTEP, that was not taken into consideration for retention. Released from the Army Aug. 6th, 1973.

Captain Georgia's Military Awards & decorations include:

The Bronze Star

The Good Conduct Medal

The Army Commendation Medal

The National Defense Medal

Two Purple Heart Medals

The Viet Nam Campaign Medal

Seventeen Air Medals

The Viet Nam Occupation Medal

The Army Aviator's Wings

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