

## PERSON OF THE YEAR – 2006



### TED WINTERS

Ted got his military start in the ROTC program at the University of Wisconsin. After just over two years he enlisted in the Enlisted Reserve Corps and was called to active duty for basic training and then to Officer Candidate School at Camp Davis, North Carolina. He was commissioned a 2d Lt. in November 1943, Anti Aircraft Artillery, Coast Artillery Corps. After completing the basic and advance AAA course at Camp Haan, CA, the US had gained in air strength and the need for AAA officers had declined. Ted was reassigned to The Infantry School at Fort Benning, GA for special training as an infantry officer. After about a year with an Infantry Replacement Training Center, 1st Lt Winters was ordered overseas. He was assigned to the Americal Division which had been activated in 1942 on New Caledonia and was the only division in WWII without a numerical designation. Ted was assigned to Company H, 164th Infantry Regiment and served as Recon Officer and Company Commander. The Americal Division was the first Infantry division to enter Japan for the occupation. Shortly after arrival the division was inactivated and personnel reassigned. Ted was assigned to Headquarters Metropolitan Tokyo Provost Marshal Office. Ted was released from active duty in September 1946 and moved to Chicago and was employed by Marshall Field and Company.

He was recalled to active duty for Korea, however did not go. He was assigned to various reserve units in Chicago.

In April 1964, Ted entered the Army Reserve Technician Program and was assigned to the 338th Regiment, 85th Division. In August 1967, he was assigned to the SSAA position with the 416th Engineer Brigade. He served under four Commanding Generals; MG LaPorte, MG Bay, MG Capp, and MG Baratz. He was responsible on a daily basis for the administration, training, and Logistics of the Command. He also was directly responsible for Civilian Personnel Management for all civilians in the command which numbered approximately 150.

In addition to supervising and coordinating all activities at a Major U. S. Army Reserve Command on a daily basis with each day bringing new assignments, problems and challenges; the following are some interesting events/facts that occurred during Mr. Winters' tenure:

In January 1968, the Brigade was re-designated an Engineer Command (Const) retaining the Brigade structure. At this time there were 70 major units covering 10 states assigned to the Command.

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In 1967 and 1968, the 416th shoulder sleeve insignia and the unit crest with the motto, “Serving by Building” were approved.

In 1971, the 416th was reorganized as an Engineer Command.

Fifth Army assigned the 416th an additional mission of site support at Camp McCoy, Fort Sheridan, Fort Harrison, Camp Carson and the Fifth Army Training center at Joliet.

At the beginning of 1970, a requirement of Specified Military Support to Civil Authorities was placed upon the Command.

In 1973, the Command newspaper, The Bridge, was established.

A unique addition was made to the Command in June 1978 when the 416th was given an expanded Facilities Engineer Mission and a FETDA Augmentation.

During Annual Training in May 1980 at Camp McCoy, a requirement was received to construct facilities to house Cuban refugees. Annual Training was extended to complete this mission. The Humanitarian Service Medal was awarded to all 416th Participants.

In October 1980, the Command was designated as the Engineer Planning Element of the Rapid Deployment Force and made responsible for Civil Engineer Support Planning (CESP) to implement Joint Task Force Deployment Planning for both Third Army in Southwest Asia and the Eighth Army in Korea.

Mr. Winters retired from Federal Civil Service and the 416th Engineer Command in May 1985. He had completed 28 years of commissioned service in 1971 and retired as a LTC.

Ted is one of the few non-engineers to receive the de Fleury Medal. It attests to his contribution to the military engineering profession and the development of the 416<sup>th</sup> Engineer Command.

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### **Personal Note**

Ted's wife, Marian, grew up in Chicago Heights and after their marriage they lived in Homewood. Marian passed away in 1977. Dr. Gayle Winters, their daughter attended Loyola Medical School and now lives in the Boston area. She is the Cardiovascular

Pathologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital and is an Associate Professor of Pathology at Harvard Medical School

Ted is now living in a retirement community at:

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### **416th ENCOM Association**

At the recommendation of General Bay, plans were made to establish an organization of personnel who had retired from the 416th Engineer Command. A constitution and by—laws were drafted. The organization was designated as the "416th ENCOM Association" and incorporated under the General Not for Profit Corporation Act, State of Illinois. There were 16 Charter members and who were recognized and honored at a 416th Engineer Command Conference in September 1980. Ted Winters was one of the Charter members.

The Association has had a representative group at all functions of the 416th Engineer Command as well as at social events sponsored by the Association. Ted was the coordinator of event in the Association from 1980 to 1999.

In October 1999, all of the officers of the Association resigned after many years of service. A completely new group of officers were elected to further the goals of the Association.