

## 2017 NETT AWARD WINNER



COLONEL JOHN IONOFF

Colonel John Ionoff graduated from the Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1963 after eight years of enlisted service. His military service included duty in CONUS, Germany, Korea, combat command in Vietnam in the 47th Infantry, battalion command in the 101st Airborne Division, and duty as the Inspector General, U.S. Army Pacific. Colonel Ionoff retired from the Army after 38 years and 3 months of active duty service. His highest awards include the Silver Star and Legion of Merit. He was also recognized with Meritorious Public Service Award for his service as US Army OCS Alumni Association President & CEO. Other honors include Distinguished Member of the 47th Infantry Regiment and Honorary Commander of the 47th Infantry Regiment, Distinguished Member of the 11th Infantry Regiment. He is also a recipient of the Order of St. Maurice, Primicerius.

Colonel Ionoff joined the U.S. Army OCS Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2013 and served as the Vice President of Administration. He assumed duty as President and Chief Executive Officer in 2015. John is credited with saving the Association and returning it to fiscal solvency while accomplishing an organizational restructure. The result was a new Board of Directors, Organizational Purpose and Mission Statement, a revision of the Association Bylaws, increased membership, establishment of USAA as a Corporate Sponsor and a number of successful projects led by Board Members that improved the viability and reputation of the Association. These efforts include establishment of Association Chapters, four successful Alumni Reunions, Veterans Honors in our Nation's Capital and Arlington National Cemetery, the OCS Memorial Walk, the funding effort to establish the OCS Heritage Center, the OCS alumni website and the improved Public Affairs Program.

Colonel Ionoff was a unanimous selection as the first recipient of the Nett Award.

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**COLONEL FRANK HARMAN**

Colonel Frank Harman graduated from the Branch Immaterial Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1979 after three years in the USMC Reserve and 15 months of enlisted Army service. His military service includes the Cold War and GWOT duty in CONUS, Germany, Korea and Panama. He commanded four companies, two battalions and a brigade, which included command in the 1st Infantry Division and the U.S. Army Infantry School. He retired after 28 years and 5 months of active service. His highest awards include the Legion of Merit and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. Other honors include Distinguished Member of the 29th Infantry Regiment. He is also a recipient of the Order of St. Maurice, Primicerius and the St. Barbara Award.

Colonel Harman joined the U.S. Army Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2015 and has served as the Secretary and Vice President of Administration, and in 2019 assumed duty as President and Chief Executive Officer. Frank is credited with developing the organizational goals and objectives of the Association, establishing the management by objective business practice in order to evaluate project success and to focus organizational resources. The result was the assignment of projects to members of the Board of Directors to encourage independent action followed by tangible results. Specific projects led by Colonel Harman included Association support to the OCS Battalion and each class, Association support to the OCS Hall of Fame, development and management of the Memorial Walk and Wigle Hall.

Colonel Harman was recognized for leadership, project management and financial support to the OCS Alumni Association, fellow alumni, the OCS Battalion and OCS candidates with the 2018 Nett Award.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL ED BURROUGHS

Lieutenant Colonel Edgar S. Burroughs was commissioned as an Armor Officer after graduation from Officer Candidate School Class 23-79, 22 October 1970. His military service includes Cold War duty in CONUS, Germany, Korea and combat duty in the middle east as part of Operation DESERT STORM. He was an outstanding Tanker, Cavalryman and Logistician. His highest awards include the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal. He is also a recipient of the Order of St. George.

Lieutenant Colonel Burroughs joined the U.S. Army OCS Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2011 and has served as Treasurer and Advisor to the Vice President of Administration and the President and Chief Executive Officer from 2016-2019. Ed is credited with playing a leading role in the reorganization of the USAOCSAA. For several years, Ed was a behind-the-scenes leader in the execution of the Annual OCS Alumni Reunion. He provided direct support to the OCS Battalion and each Class for many years. He has also been part of the Association's Support Team to the OCS Hall of Fame, the Memorial Walk and Wigle Hall.

Lieutenant Colonel Burroughs was recognized for Leadership, Mentorship and Financial Support to the OCS Alumni Association, fellow Alumni, the OCS Battalion and the OCS Candidates with the 2019 Nett Award.