

COL CARROLL A. “BUD” OCKERT, US ARMY, RET

Carroll Alfred “Bud” Ockert was born in Shelburne, Vermont, 6 June 1935. He attended public school in Shelburne and graduated from Shelburne High School in 1953. He graduated from the University of Vermont in 1957 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Medical Service Corps, US Army, upon graduation through his membership in the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC). During his career he attended numerous branch specific schools and senior service schools. In 1966 – 1968 he attended the US Army – Baylor University Graduate Program in Hospital Administration where he was awarded a Master’s Degree in Hospital Administration in 1968.

He entered service in 1958 and retired in 1988 in the rank of Colonel having served 30 plus years of active duty. He held various assignments throughout his career. This included:

Field Medical Assistant, 18th Artillery Battalion, Fort Sill, Oklahoma,

Leader, Medical Section, 5th Missile Battalion, 42nd Artillery, Aschaffenburg, Germany,

Leader, Medical Section, 3rd Reconnaissance Squadron, 12th Cavalry, 3rd Armored Division, Beudingen, Germany,

Commander, Headquarters Detachment, 45th Medical Battalion, 3rd Armored Division, Frankfurt, Germany,

Commander, B Company, 45th Medical Battalion, 3rd Armored Division, Frankfurt, Germany,

Reserve Advisor and Subsector Commander, 13th US Army Corps, Taunton and New Bedford, Massachusetts,

Executive Officer, 3rd Surgical Hospital, Dong Tam, Republic of Vietnam,

Executive Officer, 6th Convalescent Center, Cam Rahn Bay, Republic of Vietnam,

Management Analyst, Office of the Surgeon General, Department of the Army, Washington, DC.

Executive Officer, Command Surgeon, US Southern Command, Canal Zone, Panama.

Deputy Commander for Administration in three additional hospitals:

Cutler US Army Hospital, Fort Devens, Massachusetts,
The 130th Station Hospital, Heidelberg, Germany, and
Ireland US Army Hospital, Fort Knox, Kentucky

Colonel Ockert's terminal assignment was as the Inspector General, 7th Medical Command, United States Army Europe, Heidelberg, Germany.

Colonel Ockert held the position of Preceptor for the US Army – Baylor Graduate University Program in Health Care Administration for several years. In addition, he was an Assistant Professor of Health Care Administration at Baylor University. The culmination of his interest and expertise in health care administration resulted in his becoming a Life Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. He is also a graduate and member of the Inter – Agency Institute of Federal Health Care Executives.

Colonel Ockert received numerous awards and decorations during his career. This includes the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Four Oak Leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal, US Army Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Vietnamese Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

From 1989 to 2005 Colonel Ockert was an Administrator Surveyor with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, travelling all over the continental United States and Alaska. From 1999 through 2004 Colonel Ockert was a Consultant in Healthcare

Administration focusing primarily on Environment of Care Issues and Standards.

Since his retirement from the US Army, Colonel Ockert has held many positions in Trinity Episcopal Church, to include member of the vestry and Senior Warden on two different occasions.

In Shelburne he has served as Justice of The Peace, member of the Board of Civil Authority, member of the Shelburne Veterans' Monument Committee, and past President of the Shelburne Historic Sites Committee.

He has been active in various University of Vermont affairs including Past President and current member of the Green Mountain Battalion ROTC Alumni Association; Vice Chairman and Chairman, Green and Gold Committee; Past member of the UVM Executive Fund Council; Past Member of the University of Vermont Alumni Association Board of Directors; Member of the Leadership Council, The University of Vermont Foundation; Member of the Alumni House Development Council; Victory Club Member; Wilbur Society Member, and Ira Allen Society Member. He and his wife established an athletic scholarship at the university for Vermont students. COL Ockert was recognized for his support and contributions to his Alma Mater with award of the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Vermont in 2013.

COL Ockert is married to Genevieve H. Ockert. They have two children, Genevieve Marsett Ockert and Alfred Joseph Ockert