

William L. Robinson (Robby)

William L. Robinson was commissioned as an infantry officer in 1968 through the United States Military Academy. His professional military education includes Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Ranger, Airborne, Jumpmaster and Pathfinder schools at Fort Benning Georgia, the College of Naval Command and Staff in Rhode Island and the Army War College as the USPACOM Fellow. His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science from West Point and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University.



His tactical unit assignments have included: Platoon Leader, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC; Platoon Leader, 173rd Airborne Brigade, Vietnam; Battalion S-4 and then Commander, A Company 1st Battalion 502nd Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, Vietnam; Commander, L Company 75th Infantry (Ranger), 101st Airborne Division, Vietnam; Battalion and Brigade Operations Officer, Logistics Plans Officer and Division Training Officer in the 24th Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, GA; and Task Force Commander of 2nd Battalion 8th Infantry in the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson.

Colonel Robinson has also served as an instructor of Political Sciences at West Point, as Aide de Camp to the U.S. Representative to the NATO Military Committee in Brussels Belgium, speechwriter for the Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, Chief of Strategy at USCINCPAC in Hawaii and finally as Fifth U.S. Army Senior Active Duty Advisor to the Colorado Army National Guard.

Among his awards and decorations are the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, eight Air Medals, two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, and three Meritorious Service Medals.

He retired from active duty in June 1996 and became Resource Manager and Legislative Liaison to the Department of Military Affairs. In 1999, he began serving as Deputy Executive Director, Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs where he exercised day to day control and guidance to all aspects of the Department to include human relations, veterans' affairs, budget, procurement and legislative affairs. He retired from State service in 2009. He has served on the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs since July 2010 and served as chairman from 2013 -2015. He also represents the Board as a member of the Veterans Community Living Center Commission since July 2015.

Robby is engaged to Lynne Ciancio. His daughter, Meredith, is a veterinarian in Littleton. His son, Will, is a marketing director for BUHV web designs in Denver.