

LTC (retired) Daniel P. Shea
Class of 1970
Enshrined 2020



Daniel P. Shea graduated from Xavier in 1970 and was commissioned Infantry branch upon graduation. As a senior, he was a cadet LTC and the Corps S-1. He was selected for the Xavier Order of Military Merit (XOMM), and a Distinguished Military Graduate. He worked 40 hours per week which precluded him from participating in ROTC extracurricular activities and organizations.

After Infantry Officer basic, he was assigned as Rifle Platoon leader, 2nd Armored Division, Ft Hood, and had follow-on assignments with the 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea and 101st Airborne Division, where he commanded a Rifle Company in a brigade commanded by then Colonel Colin Powell. In 1977, he was selected to serve as Senior Tactical Officer at the fledgling Air Assault School. During his tenure there, he implemented upgrades to the course curriculum and class training tempo that resulted in the course becoming a DA recognized training program, similar to Fort Bragg's Airborne School.

Graduating on the Commandants List from the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, he was assigned to the US Army Chemical School, and tasked to develop/implement a training program for second lieutenants of the newly reconstituted Chemical Corps branch. The Course received Army-wide recognition and his training program was subsequently emulated throughout the US Military and in Allied Armies around the world. The Commandant of the Chemical Corps, MG Gerald G. Watson, stated that the course was "one of the most significant contributions to the Chemical Corps since its re-establishment". In 1983, Dan transferred to the Chemical Corps and was then assigned to III Corps, Ft Hood as Battalion Executive Officer, assistant Corps Chemical officer, and Chemical detachment commander.

Based on his performance at Corps staff level, he was selected, as a Major, to serve as the Executive Officer of the Corps' Headquarters Command. In 1989, he was assigned to the 66th MI Brigade, Munich, Germany and, within a year, was selected over more senior MI Officers to serve as the Brigade S-3. Dan planned, organized, and directed the deployment of over 300 soldiers and sophisticated equipment to Desert Shield/Desert Storm and was responsible for all Strategic Intelligence collected in Northern Iraq down to Baghdad. He also ensured that the Brigade continued to perform its daily USAREUR mission gathering intelligence on the Warsaw Pack.

Next assigned to the 10th Mountain Division as the Division Chemical Officer and as the division's first Environmental Compliance Manager, Dan was selected as the Division Rear Echelon Chief-of-Staff during divisional deployments to Florida (Hurricane Andrew) and Somalia (Operation Restore Hope). Additionally, he supervised the integration of 474 soldiers and families to Fort Drum as part of the Base Realignment and Closure program. Dan retired in 1994.

Dan returned to Cincinnati and spent three years as the junior ROTC Senior Army Instructor for Western Hills, Taft, and Aiken high schools. In 1998, he was hired by DuBois Chemical as a Special Projects/Trouble Shooter where he played a major role in growing the business to a global market, subsequently increasing revenue 4 times over. He served as the company president's special project manager/trouble shooter until 2017.

Dan is a member of the prestigious Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick; he is a past president and currently serves on the Board of Trustees. He is also secretary and Board member of the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick Foundation. He also serves as President and Activity Coordinator of the Friendly Sons Glee Club. As the Event Chairman of the Cincinnati Celtic Festival, and he aligned the 3-day event with the Cincinnati Reds. Dan is also a member of the Greater Cincinnati Rotary Club, serves on the Board of Directors of the Greater Cincinnati Chapter, MOAA as chairman of the Membership committee and is an active member of his church, serving as an usher and lector.

