

LTC (Retired) Paul Fellingner
Class of 1967
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LTC Paul Fellingner, a Norwood native, earned a BA degree in history from Xavier University and a master's in history from West Chester (PA) University.

He received a Regular Army commission through the ROTC program upon graduation from Xavier. As a Field Artillery officer, he spent his first 2 years at Fort Sill, in Oklahoma, in the 2nd Battalion, 44th Artillery (Pershing), and then proceeded to Vietnam, serving as Intelligence officer of a field artillery battalion and G-3 briefer and division TOC duty officer in 101st Airborne Division.

His first assignment after Vietnam was with the ROTC program at Widener College, in Chester, Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia. It was during this period that the Army started to accept women in its ROTC programs, and Paul was involved in modifying the cadet summer camp training program to accommodate the female cadets during their first year attending the camp.

After his ROTC tour, Paul and his family traveled to Monterey, California for 8 months of language school, prior to his assignment to Flensburg, Germany. The ability to speak German proved invaluable; Paul and his family were assigned to this isolated, U.S. unit of 100 soldiers in northern Germany, located on the Danish border. Although Paul had his formal training in German in Monterey, his wife Patti learned the language by shopping on the local economy and his children learned the language by attending the local German school. The Fellingner family oftentimes acted as translators for the small American community.

After Flensburg, Paul was transferred to Fort Meade, Maryland, where he was assigned to the First Army staff. Upon completion of that tour, he and his family returned to Germany, at an even more isolated area, about halfway between the Baltic Sea and North Sea. He was assigned to the only existing NATO Corps, Corps Landjut, as the Corps Special Weapons Officer. He also served as the Senior U.S. Officer, an interesting position because of the social and coordinating requirements associated with it. Each of the 6 nationalities' senior officers filled this position in NATO headquarters.

After Germany, Paul went on to his terminal assignment as Professor of Military Science (PMS) of the ROTC program at Youngstown State University.

Upon his retirement from the military, Paul and his wife, Patti, returned to Cincinnati.

Paul became actively involved in the local chapters of the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) and the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) in 1994. After retiring from the Army, and he currently holds the position of Treasurer on two Boards of those chapters. After retiring from the Army, he worked for a CPA firm in downtown for 22 years, before retiring in 2013.

