

Hall of Fame Narrative
Colonel (Retired) Jack E. Lechner, Jr.
Senior Executive Service

Col (R) Jack E. Lechner was a practicing funeral director for 10 years before enlisting in the US Army as an Infantryman. He was commissioned as a Quartermaster Officer after graduating from Officer Candidate School.

He earned a Bachelor of Mortuary Science Degree (Summa Cum Laude) from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science through the Army's degree completion program. He holds a Master of Science in Logistics Management from Florida Institute of Technology and Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy, Supply Chain Concentration, National Defense University, Washington, DC.

He is a graduate of Supply Chain Operations Reference model training, LOGTECH Program for Executives in Logistics and Technology, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina and the US Army Senior Executive Education Program at the Darden School of Business, University of Virginia. Mr. Lechner also completed Advanced Bereavement Skills Training at the Center for Life Loss and Transition, Fort Collins, CO and the General Officer/Senior Executive Service training course at Fort Belvoir.

His command positions are in the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment as Troop Commander and Support Squadron Commander, 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He served as Executive Officer, Deputy Superintendent, and Superintendent Arlington National Cemetery both as a Colonel and a member of the Senior Executive Service. His staff positions are in the 11th ACR, 75th Ranger Regiment, 3ID, Defense Logistics Agency, Human Resources Command, and as an Instructor in the Aerial Delivery and Material Management Department (Rigger). Mr. Lechner was appointed President and CEO of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science in 2016.



Pictured from left to right: Quartermaster Corps Command Sergeant Major Vidal, Quartermaster General Mc Bride, and Mr. Lechner at induction ceremony for the Quartermaster Hall of Fame. Second photo is COL Lechner on active duty.