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Subject: Woodward L Eastwood Biography

At the age of 17, I Joined the US Army in March 1960, after being denied in January for being under weight.

After completing Basic Training (Fort Ord, CA) and Armor Training (Fort Knox, KY) I was assigned to the 68th Armor, 3rd Infantry Division at Kitzingen, Germany. I returned to the US in March 1963 and was discharged at Bayonne NJ.

I took a 9 month break from the US Army, and in November 1963 was on my way to re-enlist at the Induction Station in Los Angeles when John F Kennedy was shot.

After re-enlistment I was stationed at Travis AFB assigned to a Nike-Hercules BN until August 1965, then was transferred to the Southern Element of NATO in Naples, Italy. While assigned to NATO I was a driver for visiting General and Staff Officers for about a year. I then became the full-time driver for the Chief of Staff of the NATO Element, Major General J Hart Caughey. When I was getting close to rotating back to the US, General Caughey approached me about going to OCS and I told him I was not interested, and he suggested that I find an Army School that I would like to attend, and he would do everything he could to help me attend. The next day I ran across an article in the army magazine about EOD, I was hooked and knew that was the career field I wanted to pursue. With his help I was accepted and in May 1968 I attended Chemical School at Fort McClellan, AL and then to Indian Head for both Surface and Nuclear School, graduating in October 1968.

My first EOD assignment was the 62nd Ord Det (EOD), Ogden Defense Depot, Ogden, UT.  
Aug 1969-Jun 1970, 97th Ord Det (EOD), Iekego, Japan.  
Jun 1970-Feb 1972, 5th Ord Det (EOD), Okinawa, Japan  
Feb 1972-May 1974, 71st Ord Det (EOD), Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, OH  
May 1974-1977 546th Ord Det (EODCC), Fort Sam Houston, TX  
1977-1978, 7th & 8th Ord Det (EOD), Korea  
1978-1980, 546th Ord Det (EODCC), Fort Sam Houston, TX  
1980-Mar 1983, 259th Ord Det (EOD), Fort Irwin, CA  
Retired from the US Army in March 1983.

I have been a member of NATEODA Since 2001. I was the writer, editor, and publisher of the NATEODA RSP for several years.

I hosted the NATEODA Convention in Oklahoma City, OK in 2006. It was one of the largest turnouts of members to attend the convention that we have had.

In November 2021 I was asked if I would be interested in the position of Vice Commander of the National EOD Association. My answer was:

“Actually, I am not seeking the position but since I have been asked, I agree to be considered. In the last few years, I have seen what I think is a considerable decline in the association. There seems to be an attitude amongst both membership and management of, ‘what can the association do for me?’. Rather than ‘what can I do for the Association’. So here I am, what can I do for the Association? SEND ME!” At the time of this write-up, I have been the Vice Commander of the Association for 5 Months.

It has been and will be, as long as, I hold this position, my goal to build better and more effective ways to connect and communicate with the members of the Association. I will do this in the open, and I welcome scrutiny by the members.

In the time I have been here, I have accomplished a method to distribute emails to the members, established a Monthly Newsletter, learned to use the back side of the website (this is the part that gets things out to the members), and thereby relieving the webmaster from being the only one to keep watch on the things that need to be done constantly.

I have published several presentations on YouTube and Facebook, making the EOD community more aware of what the National EOD Association is about.

I published a new and updated brochure to be used as a handout to prospective new members. I have published a few news articles on our website, with the intent to keep it updated on a more frequent basis.

I want to establish more committee's and fill them with talented volunteers to help the management of the Association, as of now, most of the work of the association is done by a few overworked individuals that have taken on the responsibility.

I seek your support in this coming election to retain me as your Vice Commander. Woodward L Eastwood Master Sergeant, US Army, Retired Currently Vice Commander, National EOD Association