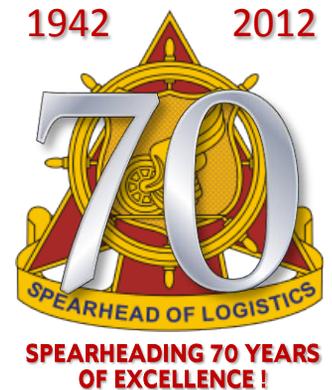
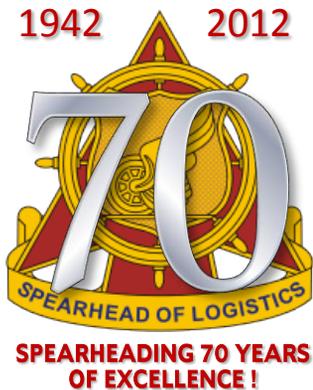


U.S. Army Transportation Corps 2012 Hall of Fame Inductee



MWO4 (R) Thomas E. Gentry

Master Warrant Officer Four (Retired) Thomas E. Gentry began his military career as a Marine where he served all across the Pacific Rim from 1948-1959. In May 1959, he had become a Sergeant in the Army Reserve unit 824th Transportation Company (Heavy Boat) aboard the 1400 class Landing Craft Utility (LCU). After obtaining the Coast Guard marine license, he was appointed a Marine Warrant Officer. During his 16 years as shipmaster, he would go on to serve during the Cuban missile crisis as master of the LCU-1473; perform air/sea rescue and drug interdiction missions with the CIA aboard the USCG vessel 'Andy Scroggins' for the 3374th USAR Corps in Miami, FL; as master of the Large Tug 2082 (LT-2082) in Thailand for the Headquarters, 9th Logistics Command; as master of the LCU-1545 for the 612th Heavy Boat Company of the 7th Transportation Group at Ft Eustis; and as a harbormaster & coastal docking pilot of Landing Ship Tanks (LST) for the 5th Transportation Company in the ports of Chu Lai and Tam Mai in Vietnam. Besides performing operational support for missions around the world, he has been a major contributor to the academic advancement of Army watercraft training. He has been a systems engineering process project engineer for Deck Operations; was a key developer of training plans for the Army Lighter Air-cushioned Vehicle 30 (LACV-30) and 1600 series LCUs; and ultimately designed nine training skill levels for six new marine courses. He capped his career as Chief of Marine Qualification, Safety and Seapay Division from 1984-92 where his accomplishments and contributions greatly enhanced the Army maritime field. In 1992, Master Warrant Officer Gentry retired after 44 years of Reserve and Active military service.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm. He is a former Honorary Warrant Officer of the Regiment, a Distinguished Member of the Regiment and is a bearer of the Ancient Order of Saint Christopher.

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