

**Northwestern State University Demon Regiment
Nomination for Induction into the Demon Regiment
Hall of Fame
Regimental Selection Board**

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Demon Regiment
Northwestern State University
Army ROTC - ATTN: Regimental Administrative Officer
Building 31, 418 Caspari Street
Natchitoches, LA 71497**

Subject: Nomination for COL John C. Doe to the NSU Demon Regiment Hall of Fame

SPONSOR – Donald Q. Smith, MAJ US Army Artillery (1982 – 1990), Cadet Corp Commander 1978, Cadet Sergeant Major 1977, Member of Black Knights 1974-78

DATE OF NSU ARMY ROTC COMMISSIONING – 19 DEC 1978

MEDAL WINNER OF SILVER STAR OR ABOVE – NO

HIGHEST RANK ATTAINED AND DATE OF RANK –
COLONEL (O-6) DOR 16 DEC 2006

Nomination Narrative:

I met John at our first Black Knights drill team practice in 1974 (36 years ago). We were incoming freshman together.

It is with great pleasure and sense of purpose that I submit this nomination for COL (R) John C. Doe for consideration to the NSU Demon Regiment Hall of Fame. COL Doe has served with distinction in both military and civilian service. His career is the essence of the citizen soldier serving in his community as a civilian, maintaining and growing in his military preparedness and serving when called to active duty in both Gulf Wars. His service has been recognized having been awarded a Legion of Merit and multiple Meritorious Service Medals.

His military service began on graduating and commissioning as a Field Artillery Officer in December 1978 from Northwestern State University after completing his R.O.T. C. Program.

Document further candidate's promotions, tours of duty, positions, and decorations as well as awards and badges held such as follows:

His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, the Field Artillery Captain's Career Course, Combined Arms Staff Services School (CAS3), Paladin Commander's

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Course (PCC), Joint Operational Fires and Effect Course (JOFEC), Intermediate Level Education (ILE), Joint Firepower Course (JFC), Command and General Staff College, Military Assistant Security Advisor (MASA) and Security Force Assistant Advisory Team (SFAAT) Training and Transition (TT) Team Resident Course, War College Resident Course, and the Inspector General School.

His first assignment was as HHB Platoon Leader at III Corps Artillery. He remained in that position until his promotion to 1LT and then became the Executive Officer for HHB in April 1981. His next assignment was Vilseck, Germany, September 1982, where he served as Company Fire Support Officer, Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 63rd Armor and Battalion Targeting Officer for 2nd Battalion, 63rd Armor. From November 1984 to November 1985, COL Doe deployed with 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division where he served as Battalion Targeting Officer, Force Protection Officer, and Paladin Platoon Fire Direction Officer in support of Task Force Falcon, Multinational Brigade (East) for Kosovo Forces (KFOR) 1B. Other assignments include Paladin Platoon Leader, Battalion Fire Direction Officer and Assistant Battalion Operations Officer for the 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery in Bamberg, Germany. From October 1986 to September 1987, COL Doe commanded Echo Battery, 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. From September 1987 to January 1989, he served as Battalion Operations Officer for 1st Battalion, 19th Field Artillery. COL Doe commanded Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 78th Field Artillery from January 1989 to May 1990. From May 1990 to May 1991, he served as Battalion Military Transition Team Operations Officer, Iraqi Assistance Group, Baghdad, Iraq. He then served as Observer Controller/Team Chief and Battalion Operations Officer for 2nd Battalion, 410th Field Artillery at Fort Knox, Kentucky. From July 1993 to July 1994, COL Doe served as Assistant Division Fire Support Coordinator (AFSCOORD) for 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Red Cloud, Korea, and then was assigned to 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division as Stability Transition Team Chief for 6 months, prior to deploying as part of TF Duke (3/1 IBCT), FOB Salerno, Afghanistan as 3/1 IBCT Task Force Duke Plans Officer. COL Doe served as Battalion Operations Officer (S3) for 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division from March 1996 to March 1997. COL Doe served as Battalion Executive Officer (XO) for 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division from March 1997 to June 1999. In June 2000, COL Doe deployed to FOB Spin Boldak, Afghanistan as Combined Task Force Centaur Executive Officer (XO). Following deployment, COL Doe was assigned to the Department of the Army Inspector General's Office, Washington, D.C. He assumed command of the 3rd Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Drum, New York in May 2002. COL Doe was then transferred to III Corps Artillery in Fort Hood, TX to serve as Chief of Staff in May 2004 until his retirement in February 2006.

COL Doe's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (2 OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), the Korean Defense Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Star, Iraqi Campaign Medal (2 x Campaign Star), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2 x Campaign Star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal (Kosovo), the NATO Medal (ISAF - Afghanistan), Meritorious Unit Citation (MUC), Army Superior Unit Award (ASUA) and the Overseas Service

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Ribbon w/number 4. He wears the Combat Action Badge, Army Staff Badge and Parachutist Badge. The Citation on his Legion of Merit states: “For exceptionally meritorious service while assigned to numerous positions of increasing responsibility, culminating as etc... Colonel Doe is recognized for distinguished performance of duty that represents exemplary achievement in the finest traditions of the United States Army.”

John has also been active in several community service organizations giving of his time and considerable leadership experience. He was a member of the Lions Club and served two consecutive terms as their President—2011-2013 and 2013-2015. He assisted in the development of a youth soccer league in the community of Small Town, USA, when his children were young. He has been very active in various ministries in the various First Methodist Churches he has been a member of over the years. He has contributed regularly to the NDR Alumni Fund. He recently joined the NDR Executive Staff and has been instrumental in reaching out to a number of alumni to also get involved in volunteering their time to help support the cadets and the alumni. In 2015, he was named Man of the Year in Natchitoches, LA. When John sees a need, he is always ready to meet that need. When leadership is needed, he is prepared to step in and add value in whatever role is required.

Document and detail candidate’s community service, positions held, volunteerism, and contributions to NSU and/or the Regiment.

In closing, I wish to share with the board the appreciation I have for John as a fellow officer and friend. His life of service to his family, his community and his country are in the highest traditions and values we all hold dear. This recognition is one way we can give back to one who has served so well in so many ways.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Q. Smith