

**Don D. Hughes, Jr.**

**Chief Warrant Officer Four, U.S. Army, Retired**

Don D. Hughes, Jr. served as Warrant Officer of the Corps from 1996 to 1998. He received his appointment as a Warrant Officer One (WO1) on November 4, 1982 and finished his legal administrator career as the Warrant Officer of the Corps.

Born in Iowa on September 7, 1953, Don David Hughes, Jr. graduated from high school in June 1971. He subsequently earned degrees in Management (A.S.) and Business Administration (B.S.) from Hawaii Pacific University.

He enlisted in the Army in October 1971 and served as a teletype repairman until 1973, when he began working as a company legal clerk. After qualifying for MOS 71D (through 'on the job training'), he worked as a Legal NCO in a succession of assignments including overseas service in Korea, and duty with the 1st Infantry and 25th Infantry Divisions. Don Hughes served as a legal clerk until being appointed as a warrant officer legal administrator in the Corps in November 1982.

His first assignment as a WO1 was at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he served from 1982 to 1986. Then Chief Warrant Officer Two Hughes (CW2) was stationed at Camp Zama, Japan, where he served as the legal administrator for U.S. Army Japan until 1989.

His next assignment was at the U.S. Army Signal Center, Fort Gordon, Georgia. CW2 Hughes served in this assignment until 1992, when he was re-assigned to The Judge Advocate General's School. In this assignment, now Chief Warrant Officer Three Hughes (CW3) was responsible for planning, preparing and presenting computer instruction on the Legal Automation Army-Wide Systems (known by the acronym LAAWS) and other software programs. He taught students in the Judge Advocate Basic and Graduate Courses, and also gave instruction in a variety of Continuing Legal Education courses. CW3 Hughes also served as the course manager for the Judge Advocate Warrant Officer Basic Course.

After assuming duties as Warrant Officer of the Corps in 1996, now Chief Warrant Officer Four (CW4) Hughes was responsible for the accession, training, assignments, separation and other management actions pertaining to Legal Administrators in the Corps.

CW4 Hughes had twenty-seven years of active duty when he was placed on the retired list on 1 August 1998.