



CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FOUR (RET) ROBERT D. OLSEN

Year of Induction: 2017

Served: 1963 - 1978

Chief Latent Print Division, Fort Gordon, GA (1973 - 1978)

Chief, Latent Print Division, USACIL-Europe, Frankfurt, Germany (1970 - 1973)

Special Agent, Republic of Vietnam (1966 - 1967)

Special Agent, CID Office, Fort Leonard Wood, MO (1965 - 1966; 1967 - 1968)

Special Agent, 70th MP Detachment (CID), St. Louis, MO (1964 - 1965)

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Established the foundation for Army research on digital imaging, super glue fuming and laser detection of fingerprints. Earned international recognition for the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory.

Published the most authoritative book on the science of fingerprinting. Research on the chemical components of fingerprint residue changed the landscape of how latent fingerprints are processed; techniques are still being used by every police agency worldwide.

Authored more than 25 articles and books; accredited in over 1,000 law enforcement references - training documents, scientific journals and forensic textbooks.

Extraordinary achievements as a Criminal Investigator, Latent Print Examiner, Researcher and Author; he indelibly impacted not only Army criminal investigations, but those conducted by professional law enforcement organizations worldwide. His passion for timely, thorough and accurate forensic support created an environment that nourished research advances, improved training methods and promoted quality assurance.