

Gary L. Hinaman grew up in Johnson City, NY, and received his bachelor's degree in Geology from Binghamton University. Gary volunteered for the active duty Army and served from October 18, 1968, to June 12, 1971. He was commissioned as a 2LT Infantry officer on September 9, 1969, and promoted to 1LT on September 9, 1970. He served as a Tactical Officer for the 62nd OCS company from September 1969 to March 1970. He graduated from Ranger School Class 13-70 to earn his Ranger Tab. He served in Vietnam from June 1970 to June 1971. He was awarded a Bronze Star V with two oak leaf clusters, CIB, Air Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device, and National Defense Service Medal. He served with MACV Advisory Team 60 when he was the senior advisor out of a two man team in a South Vietnamese Infantry Battalion, 4/14/9th ARVN. From July 1970 to January 1971, he was in the field with the South Vietnamese fighting the NVA. He was then assigned to the Advisory Team 60 headquarters as the S-2 officer until his return on June 12, 1971. Gary stayed in the Army Reserves from June 1971 to June 1974.

After his return from Vietnam in 1971, Gary re-enrolled at Binghamton University for his master's degree. He was hired the next year to work as a petroleum geologist by Texaco. He initially worked in their New Orleans office working in the Gulf of Mexico. In 1974 he moved to Denver, Colorado to consult for Amaco (now British Petroleum) as a geophysicist. He has owned or been a major partner in eleven oil and gas companies since going independent in 1979.

He and his wife, Susan are retired in Rangely, Colorado. They have four children and seven grandchildren. He enjoys archery hunting, fishing, and camping with his family. He maintains his eastern roots by working a few months a year on his 740-acre tree farm near Triangle, New York. In 2020, he self-published his Vietnam Memoir, [*The Ranger*](#), on Amazon. Gary also volunteers his time to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in support of his fellow combat veterans.