

Colonel Peter Bleich

Ram Battalion Enrollment Officer 2003 - 2024

Inducted in the 2nd class of the Stalwart Ram Wall of Fame – Fall 2023



Colonel Peter C. Bleich, Jr. graduated in December 1977 with a BS in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering from Clarkson College of Technology in Potsdam, NY and commissioned from that ROTC program as an Engineer Officer. After completing the Engineer Officer Basic Course at Fort Belvoir, VA he was assigned to the Ammunition Equipment Office at Tooele Army Depot, UT as a Design Engineer and then transitioned to the Depot Facilities Office as a Facilities Engineer. Following three years of active duty, Colonel Bleich transferred to the US Army Reserves where he served in the 98th Division (Training) in multiple staff positions including the Division Engineer Plans Officer; HHC Executive Officer; Assistant G-4 Food Service Officer; D Co., 464th Engineer Battalion Company Commander; Assistant G-1 Personnel; and the Assistant G-3 Operations. He then transferred to the 104th Division

(Institutional Training) and served as a Command & General Staff College (CGSC) Instructor, Lead Instructor for the Reserve Component transition to the Intermediate Level Education (ILE) system and concluded his military career as the Deputy Commander and Executive Officer for the 1st Professional Development Brigade in completing 30 years of service in January 2008.

Mr. Bleich started at Colorado State University as the Enrollment and Scholarship Officer in 2003 after a successful 22-year career in a variety of engineering positions for Eastman Kodak, culminating as a Conveyance Process Engineer for Kodak's largest and fastest film and paper sensitizing machine. In the Ram Battalion, he helped to recruit, enroll, and mentor over 400 cadets on their path to becoming 2nd Lieutenants for all three components of our Army. Over the course of his 20 plus year career at the Ram Battalion he also coordinated tens of millions of dollars of scholarship benefits for those students. A team builder and networker, he formed long lasting relationships with multiple key leaders across the University enabling many lasting contributions to the Ram Battalion such as Room and Board incentives for National Scholarship recipients. A consummate educator, he ensured ROTC education to countless community and campus influencers who steered thousands of qualified students to federal service in support of their nation. Finally, he enabled the successful transition of seven Professors of Military Science and dozens of Military Science Instructors and Assistant Professors of Military Science.

Mr. Bleich will retire from CSU Army ROTC in January 2024, culminating 46 years of service to our nation. During his military career, he was recognized with multiple awards including the Legion of Merit, several Meritorious Service and Army Commendation Medals, and earning the Parachutist's Badge.