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Dr. Robert O. Freedman

United States Army

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Dr. Robert O. Freedman received in Bachelor's Degree from the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia and his Masters and PhD from Columbia University. His PhD is in International Relations and Russia Studies. His dissertation was about Sino/Soviet Relations and his dissertation advisor was Zbigniew Brzezinski, who was a National Security Advisor of the United States for President Jimmy Carter.



He was commissioned through ROTC in May 1962. His philosophy for volunteering was that the country protected him as he was growing up and that he owed the country two years of his life in return. He strongly believed in either military or national service for teens after graduating from high school for the same reason. He was proud of the heritage of his family- his grandfather was a long shoreman and his father an attorney.

His military service began at Fort Benning, GA with the infantry Officer's Basic Course in June 1965, and continued at Fort Hood, TX where he served first as a heavy weapons platoon leader. He was the company commander until Feb. 1967. He then had the opportunity to teach history at the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, where he stayed until he left the army in July 1970.

He was named Distinguished Cadet- Patriot of The School and attained the ranks of 2nd Lt., 1st Lt., and Captain. He stated that while he was a security officer, he read all information as it came in. In reference to Vietnam fighting China, he knew things would end up that there would be fighting against the North Vietnamese.

After leaving the service, Dr. Freedman taught at Marquette University and Baltimore Hebrew University. From 2000 to the present, he has taught at Johns Hopkins University, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Department of Political Science.