Army Aviation Hall of Fame 1974 Induction
(Inducted to represent the 1950-1959 period)

Colonel (later Lieutenant General) George P. Seneff, Jr., graduated from West Point in 1941 and completed flight training at Fort Rucker in 1956. Under his leadership as Chief, Air Mobility Division, OCRD, the UH-1 test program was begun and proposals were initiated for a medium cargo helicopter which eventually entered the Army fleet as the CH-47 Chinook. Colonel Seneff organized and then commanded the 11th Aviation Group, 11th Air Assault Division, until the successful completion of the Army Airmobility tests in 1965. Thus, he was in the forefront of the validation of Howze Board recommendations as well as being responsible for the development and refinement of tactics, techniques, and procedures related thereto.

He then served as Director of Army Aviation during a period of rapid and revolutionary expansion and change. This period witnessed the deployment of the first airmobile division to Vietnam and its commitment to combat. He later organized and then commanded the 1st Aviation Brigade in Vietnam. While commanding the 1st Brigade, he personally developed the tactical employment SOP's which formalized the relationships, tactics, and techniques of Army Aviation employment between aviation and its supported ground combat forces. These SOP's were the basis for current employment doctrine and continue to give positive direction to combat operations.

The 1st Aviation Brigade, with over 4,000 assigned combat aircraft and which was responsible for operations throughout the length and breadth of Vietnam, was and remains the largest assemblance of Army Aviation in history. He later commanded Project MASSTER and directed tests of the Air Cavalry Combat Brigade concept from which evolved renewed interest in nap-of-the-earth flying tactics.