Colonel Maurice L. Clouser (Class 113-44)

Colonel Maurice L. Clouser, age 94, died in Anchorage, Alaska, on April 9, 2016. He was born on Aug. 22, 1921, in Modoc, Ind., son of Alice and Clarence Clouser. He was raised in Richmond, Ind., where he graduated from Richmond High School in 1940. After graduation, Maurice worked for a year in a school bus factory paint department prior to enrolling at Purdue University in electrical engineering. He attended classes in basic and advanced ROTC and enlisted in the U.S. Army, on the outbreak of WWII, on Aug. 7, 1942. Maurice continued schooling at Purdue until called to active duty basic training in 1943, at Fort Bragg, N.C., followed with an assignment to OCS. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in June 1944. Maurice served as a forward observer artillery across France, Germany and Austria with the 3rd Army. In 1950, he was ordered to Korea as an advisor to the Korean Artillery followed by a second tour in 1952. Late in his career, Maurice served as MACV Inspector General in Vietnam. He spent a total 33 years in the U.S. Army. He attended advanced artillery school for a year, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College for a year, and the Army Forces Staff College. He commanded artillery units at battery and battalion levels. Maurice spent eight years at the Pentagon with operations Department of the Army and joint staff. He was a staff member with the National Emergency Airborne Command Post out of Andrews Air Force Base for three years. He commanded nuclear missile battalion for a year in an overseas assignment. Maurice retired from the military forces in June 1975.

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Promoted to COL in the Regular Army on July 23, 1968.