

## **Colonel Duport Mauro Copp (Class 65-43)**

Colonel Copp enlisted in the Army on October 10, 1942. He attended the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma and was commissioned a 2LT on May 20, 1943. His first assignment was to the Officers Motors Course at Fort Sill.

He served during World War II in the European Theater of Operations and was released from active duty in 1946. He returned to duty in 1947 and served in the Korean War. He graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1956 and went on to serve in Air Defense Artillery assignments worldwide. He served a tour in Hawaii and was promoted to LTC on December 19, 1961. He later commanded the 5th Missile Battalion (Nike-Hercules), 7th Artillery, 19th Artillery Group in New York. He was promoted to Colonel on December 19, 1968 and retired in 1975.

Colonel Copp's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart and the Joint Service Commendation Medal. He died on June 21, 1989 and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.