

Brigadier General Oral Lee Davis (Class 13-42)

General Davis joined the Army in October 1941. Upon completion of Field Artillery Officer Candidate School in 1942, he was assigned to the 81st Infantry Division as a Field Artillery Officer and promoted to first lieutenant. He completed pilot training in 1944 and served in the Air Corps until he was separated in 1946. He was a member of the Air Force Reserve until 1947 when he became a member of the Alabama Army National Guard with assignment as Company Commander of the 200th Infantry.

He served on active duty with the 31st Infantry Division and the 2nd Infantry Division during the Korean War. He returned to the Alabama Army National Guard in 1952 and in 1957 he assumed command of the 258th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, Alabama Army National Guard. In 1964, he was promoted to colonel and assumed command of the 226th Artillery Group.

On 13 January 1967, General Davis became the Commander of the 122nd Quartermaster Command, and he was Federally recognized as a brigadier general on 25 May 1967. Upon reorganization of the Alabama Army National Guard on 15 January 1968, he became the Commanding General of the 167th Support Brigade.

Decorations and Awards: Bronze Star Medal with OLC; American Defense Service Medal; American Campaign Medal; World War II Victory Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; National Defense Service Medal; United Nations Service Medal.

Schools: Southern Illinois University; BS, University of Illinois, 1940; MBA, Northwestern University, 1941; Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, 1942; Army Air Corps Pilot Training, 1944; Associate Advanced Infantry Officers Course, 1952; Atomic Weapons Orientation Course, 1968; Associate Officers Course, United States Army Command and General Staff College, 1961; Air Ground Orientation Course, 1966