

Colonel Edward H. Dey (Class 29-42)

Colonel Dey enlisted in Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 128th Field Artillery in the National Guard on October 30, 1940. He reached the rank of First Sergeant before attending Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he was commissioned a 2LT on September 10, 1942. He was then stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

He served with the 2nd Infantry Division in Europe and took part in the Allied Forces D-Day Normandy Invasion (Operation Overlord) on June 6, 1944. He spent more than 21 months in France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia with Battery C, 377th Field Artillery Battalion and was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

Colonel Dey served with the 1st Infantry Division in Germany after the War and then attended the Command and General Staff College in 1952. His next assignment was in Formosa where he was an instructor aiding the Chinese Nationalist Army in a switch from Japanese to American tactics. He returned to Fort Sill in 1954 as a Tactics Instructor.

He was stationed in Hawaii with the 25th Infantry Division from April 1957 to May 1960 and then went to Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He earned a degree in General Education from the University of Omaha in 1963 and a Masters of Arts degree from Marquette University. He was promoted to Colonel on July 8, 1965. His final assignment was professor of military science from 1965 to 1973 at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross during a tour in Vietnam.

