

Colonel James A. Flanagan (Class 14-42)

Colonel James A. Flanagan was inducted into the Army on April 30, 1941.

He attended the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation on May 26, 1942.

He was promoted to First Lieutenant on November 16, 1942; to Captain on June 7, 1943 and to Major on July 7, 1944.

Colonel Flanagan served in Africa and Italy during World War II and joined the Iowa National Guard in 1948. He was called to active service in Germany during the Korean War from September 1950 to May 1952.

He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on October 4, 1957 and to Colonel on December 30, 1963. He commanded the 34th Artillery Group in Boone, Iowa and was listed in the National Guard Register as a Colonel in 1971, the year he retired.

His decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.