

Colonel Charles P. Flanagan III (Class 502-68)

Colonel Flanagan was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon completion of the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma on April 23, 1968.

His initial assignment was to the 1st Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Meade, Maryland where he served as Transportation Section Commander and later Forward Observer. He served a tour in Korea with the 1st Battalion, 31st Field Artillery, 7th Infantry Division and returned to Fort Sill as an Artillery Tactics Instructor, in the Field Artillery School.

After release from active duty, Colonel Flanagan continued his service in the U.S. Army Reserves, first as a Company Commander of the 403rd USAR MP POW Camp, Omaha, Nebraska and then in Texas as an Artilleryman. He served in successive assignments with 2nd Battalion, 131st Field Artillery as a Liaison Officer, Battery Commander and Fire Direction Officer and then became Fire Support Officer for 1st Battalion, 133rd Field Artillery and later 2nd Battalion, 131st Field Artillery.

His next duty assignment was eleven months as Operations Officer, 2nd Battalion, 131st Field Artillery followed by four years as the Battalion Executive Officer. He then commanded the 3rd Battalion, 133rd Field Artillery for two years and was promoted to Colonel on September 21, 1990. He culminated his Active U.S. Army Reserve career as the Operations Officer, 4159th USAR School, Fort Worth Texas and retired from the Reserves on March 22, 1994.

His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal.