Colonel David B Hannum, Jr. (Class 50-54)

Colonel Hannum graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Horticulture in 1952. He was drafted into the Army on February 24, 1953. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma on April 6, 1954.

He served for five years with the 11th Airborne at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and in Germany. He was later assigned to a Nike Hercules air defense unit in Kansas City and then served as Assistant Secretary of the 8th Army General Staff in Korea. He was an Artillery Advisor to the Army Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) in Pleiku, II Corps in Vietnam and served in Lebanon and Germany.

Colonel Hannum was promoted to Major on April 21, 1965 and to Lieutenant Colonel on May 5, 1968. During 1969, he commanded 6th Battalion, 8th Field Artillery at Fort Carson, Colorado. He was promoted to Colonel on September 3, 1974 and then commanded the U.S. Army Garrison at Honshu, Japan. His final assignment was Post Commander of Fort Drum, New York from 1981 until 1984.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal and the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.