

Colonel Ronald C. Johnson (Class 59-43)

Colonel Johnson joined the U.S. Army in March of 1942. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on April 19, 1943 upon graduation from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School. He was assigned to the 106th Infantry Division, where he served in various positions. Prior to the Division moving to the European Theater, he was assigned the position of Survey Officer of the 106th Division Artillery. He held that position until the end of World War II. During that time, he took part in the Battle of the Bulge and several campaigns and was promoted to the rank of Captain.

He joined the Army Reserve in January of 1946. Upon his return to civilian life, he completed his education at the University of Maine at Orono. He obtained his BS Degree in education in June of 1946 and began working on his Master's Degree.

In 1950, he was recalled to active duty in the Army, participating in the Korean Conflict as a Liaison Officer to the Koreans and as Intelligence Officer with the 7th Division Artillery. Upon his return to the states, he was assigned to Fort Devens, Massachusetts where he served as Battery Commander and Intelligence Officer before being assigned to the ROTC Detachment at the University of Connecticut as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics.

Colonel Johnson was then assigned to the Air Defense School, where he completed the Staff Officers Missile Course. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the Continental U.S. Command (CONARC) with duty as a liaison officer at the Red Stone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama. In the fall of 1963, he was transferred to Alaska, where he commanded the 37th Artillery Battalion. Upon completion of his Alaskan Tour, he was transferred to Washington D.C., where he served in the Inspector General's Office of the Army until his retirement.