

Brigadier General Joseph Charles Kiefe, Jr. (Class 108-44)

Brigadier General Kiefe enlisted in the Army on November 17, 1942 and took Basic Training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

He was commissioned a 2LT upon graduation from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma on May 20, 1944.

His first assignment as a commissioned officer was to the 635th Field Artillery Battalion at North Camp Hood, Texas. He was sent overseas with the unit and served in the European Theater of Operations where he was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic action. In August 1945 he began conducting Army Intelligence and education programs in Bavaria.

He had attended Harvard University before entering the service and completed his AB degree there in 1947. He served a combat tour in Korea beginning in 1951 and graduated from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1956.

He was promoted to LTC on January 24, 1963 and on December 11, 1967 he was promoted to Colonel. He was promoted to BG on March 28, 1971 and served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Central Army Group (CENTAG), a NATO formation consisting of (at that time) two US Army Corps and two German Army Corps equivalent to more than thirteen divisions.