

## **Colonel William W. Kirchman (Class 39-42)**

Colonel Kirchman enlisted in the 142nd Field Artillery of the Arkansas National Guard on October 29, 1938 and served in the band section rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill Oklahoma on November 19, 1942. He was assigned to the 196th Field Artillery at Fort Sill and served in the Pacific Theater with the unit during World War II. He was promoted to Captain on November 16, 1944 and was promoted to Major on July 1, 1947.

He served in combat during the Korean War and graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1959. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on June 24, 1959 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland in 1964. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam during the war and was promoted to Colonel on December 8, 1965.

Colonel Kirchman served as the Inspector General, U.S. Army Safeguard Anti-Ballistic Missile System Command at Huntsville, Alabama during 1969-71. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal and the Army Commendation Medal