

Major General William J. Lange (Class 45-42)

Major General Lange was an exchange student from Stanford University to Lingnan University, China and attended Heidelberg University in Germany. He started his civilian career as a vineyardist, which was interrupted by WWII. He enlisted in the Army on June 24, 1942 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School on December 31, 1942. His initial assignment was to the Staff and Faculty and Detachments at the Field Artillery School, where he served as a Gunnery Instructor. He served in the Pacific area of Operations during World War II.

He was promoted to Major on April 5, 1946. During 1948, he joined the 49th Division Artillery, California National Guard and graduated from the Command and General Staff College. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on April 6, 1949 and assigned to the position of Operations Officer 49th Division Artillery. He was promoted to Colonel on March 9, 1953 and became the Division Artillery Executive Officer in May of that year.

Major General Lange was promoted to Brigadier General on April 16, 1957 and became the Commander of the 49th Division Artillery. His next assignment was Assistant Division Commander of the 49th Division, a position he held until he was promoted to Major General on November 14, 1961. He then took Command of the 49th Division and served in that position until July 14, 1964. He was then reassigned to the Army of the United States with several mobilization assignments until his retirement in 1969.