

Colonel James R. McGhee (Class 66-43)

Colonel McGhee graduated from Field Artillery OCS on May 27, 1943 and was assigned to the Field Artillery Training Center at Fort Sill. He later joined the 334th Field Artillery Battalion at Camp McCain, Mississippi. He served in a variety of assignments within the Battalion and when the unit moved to Fort Jackson, South Carolina he was assigned to A Battery as a Forward Observer.

He remained in that position during the WWII in Europe until April 1, 1945, when he became the Battery Executive Officer. He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action while attached to the 3rd Battalion, 345th Infantry Regiment, 87th Infantry Division in December 1944.

After the war he stayed in the Reserves, then returned to active duty when the Korean War began as a Gunnery Instructor at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill.

He later served as Assistant S-3 of the 102nd Division Artillery at St. Louis and then with the XIV Corps Artillery at Chicago where he became the Executive Officer and promoted to Colonel. His last assignment before retirement was as Commanding Officer of the 434th Field Artillery Group.