

Colonel John V. McLain (Class 72-43)

Colonel McLain enlisted in the Army on November 19, 1940 and attended Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma graduating on July 8, 1943. His first assignment was to the Battery Executives Course at Fort Sill. During World War II he served in the South Pacific, first as an artillery gunner and later as an artillery forward observer. He commanded three artillery batteries in Japan during the occupation after the war. He later commanded an artillery target acquisition battalion in South Korea and an artillery group in Germany. He commanded the 212th Artillery Group, Fort Lewis Washington during 1968-69.

He served tours at the Pentagon, with the Department of the Army's general staff, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Defense Intelligence Agency. He received two awards of the Legion of Merit and retired in 1973 after 33 years in the military.

Colonel McLain attended McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois, and graduated from the University of Maryland, the Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College and the Army War College.

