

Colonel Louis H. Mehaffie (Class 1-41)

Colonel Mehaffie enlisted in the Army on May 24, 1939. He was serving as a Corporal with Battery A, 38th Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Sam Houston, Texas when he entered the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was commissioned a 2LT upon graduation on October 1, 1941.

He remained at Fort Sill as a gunnery instructor and then assigned as a battery commander in 1944. He served six months in the European Theater of Operations during World War II and then followed with Occupation duties with the 11th Airborne Division in Japan. After graduating from the Advances Course in 1953 he went to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas where he completed the Command and General Staff College in 1955.

He was stationed with Eighth Army Headquarters in Seoul, Korea before returning to Fort Sill in 1960 where he served as the Deputy Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army Artillery and Missile Center. He then commanded the 1st Missile Battalion, 18th Artillery.

He was promoted to Colonel on June 30, 1964 and retired in February 1969. He died on December 23, 1977 and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.