

Colonel James C. Mize (Class 48-43)

Colonel Mize enlisted in the Army on April 23, 1940. He took his basic training in Panama and served three years with the 2nd Field Artillery Battalion. He was commissioned as a 2nd LT on January 21, 1943 at the Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

He served in the European theater with the 602nd Field Artillery Battalion during World War II, receiving the Bronze Star and Air Medals. After spending three years at Oklahoma City University, he re-enlisted in the Army and was assigned to the 548th Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Sill.

Colonel Mize was promoted to Captain and sent to Korea in 1951 where he received the Purple Heart for wounds received. He then served in Germany before returning Fort Sill in 1954 to become the senior advisor to the 131st Field Artillery Battalion located in Texas.

He returned to Europe for three years and attended the Naval War College in 1964 after being promoted to LTC. He was promoted to Colonel on December 12, 1967 and by October 1969, he was serving as the Chief of the Nuclear Weapons Employment Division (NWED) of the Tactics and Combined Arms Department (TCAD) at Fort Sill.