

Colonel William S. Patrick (Class NG1-56)

Colonel Patrick enlisted in the California National Guard in 1953. He attended the Special 11-week National Guard Officer Candidate School program at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and graduated on September 1, 1956. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery on March 4, 1957. He was promoted to Captain on March 4, 1962 and to Major on August 12, 1967. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on October 7, 1974 and to Colonel in 1980.

During his 30 years of service in the National Guard he held eighteen different Command and Staff assignments in the 40th Armored Division, the Southern Emergency Operations Headquarters, 40th Infantry Brigade and the 40th Armored Brigade. He was appointed commander of the Army Reserve National Guard Training Site at Fort Irwin in 1980 and held that position until it was de-activated on March 1, 1983.

Colonel Patrick retired on July 19, 1983 and was placed on the Retired List of the California National Guard in the grade of Brigadier General by order of the Governor, effective on that date.