

## **Colonel Eugene T. Seaburn (Class 3-41)**

Colonel Seaburn enlisted in the Army in 1932. He attended the 7th Corps area West Point Preparatory School from July 1, 1932 to October 30, 1934.

He left the Army in 1934, moved to Chicago and became a salesman for the Rath Packing Company of Waterloo, Iowa. He was drafted before World War II and remained in the Army until 1969.

He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon completion of the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma on December 20, 1941. His first assignment as an officer was to Battery B, 14th Field Artillery Observation Battalion at Fort Sill.

He was stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland and Camp Gruber, Oklahoma before service as a Captain in the European Theater of Operation during World War II. During heavy combat on April 5, 1945 he was reported Missing in Action for several days. On December 22, 1945 he returned to the States for two months and on March 1, 1946 he was back in Germany with the Army of Occupation in command of the 84th Field Artillery Battalion.

In June 1946, he was one of 9,800 men nominated by President Truman for a Regular Army Commission, out of 108,00 applicants who held commissions in the War Time Army.

In October 1947 he was assigned to 5th Army Headquarters in Chicago. He graduated from the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1949 and was later assigned to the Staff and Faculty of the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill. He graduated from the Army War College in 1956 and was promoted to Colonel on June 14, 1957.

Colonel Seaburn served as the Division Artillery Commander at Fort Leavenworth from 1961-63 and later Assistant Chief of Staff G-3, at XXI Army Corps. He was next assigned as the Senior Intelligence Advisor to the 1st Republic of Korea Army. He was Commander of the 23rd Field Army Support Command at Fort Leavenworth until it was inactivated in November 1968. He culminated his career as Special Assistant to the Fort Leavenworth Commanding General and retired in June 1969. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart.