

Colonel Maxwell S. Torgersen (Class 50-43)

Colonel Torgersen attended Washington State University and enlisted in the Army on June 6, 1942. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma on February 4, 1943.

He was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and served with the Division during World War II as a paratrooper, flying in a glider behind enemy lines and parachuting in with his men on D-Day. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium and campaigns in the African and Middle Eastern Theaters and was with the Occupation Forces in Germany.

Colonel Torgersen graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1955 and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on July 14, 1959. He was promoted to Colonel on December 20, 1965 and served in the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Training at the U.S. Continental Army Command (CONARC) Headquarters at Fort Monroe. He retired from the Army on March 31, 1973.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, French Fourragere, Belgian Fourragere and the Military Order of William from the Netherlands.