

## **Brigadier General Charles V. Wheeler (Class 81-43)**

Brigadier General Wheeler graduated from the University of Oklahoma and then enlisted in the Army on March 6, 1943. He attended the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma and upon graduation he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on September 9, 1943. He was then assigned to the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Fort Sill and later served in the European Theater of Operations with the 45th Division in World War II.

He was promoted to Captain on May 31, 1947 and returned to the University of Oklahoma and earned an LLB in Law in 1948. He was activated and served as a Battery Commander of the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery during the Korean War from 1950-1952. He was promoted to Major on October 11, 1953 and to Lieutenant Colonel on January 1, 1960. He commanded the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery and after promotion to Colonel on April 15, 1963 he took command of the 45th Division Artillery.

He was appointed Deputy Assistant Adjutant General of Oklahoma on March 31, 1966 and promoted to the rank of Brigadier General on November 7, 1966. On February 1, 1968, he became Assistant Adjutant General of the Oklahoma National Guard.

Brigadier General Wheeler was appointed Vice-President and General Counsel of Cities Service Company, then located in New York in 1968. He earned a Master's in Law from New York University in 1973 and moved with the Cities Service Company to Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1974. He retired from the National Guard in November 1980 and was Adjunct Professor of Law at Tulsa University until 1992.