

Colonel Harold G. Wilson (Class 1-41)

Colonel Wilson enlisted in the Ohio National Guard in 1936 and served with Battery F, 134th Field Artillery Regiment. He entered Federal Service in October 1940 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma on October 1, 1941. His first assignment after graduation was to the Field Artillery Replacement Center (FARTC) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

In October 1943 he was promoted to Captain before going overseas during World War II where he participated in the Rhine Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns with the 254th Field Artillery Battalion.

He returned to Germany after the War to serve with the 7th Field Artillery Battalion in Munich. In 1950 he was promoted to Major in 1950 while serving as an instructor at the Field Artillery School from 1949 to 1952.

He graduated from the Air Command and Staff School at Maxwell Field, Alabama in 1952 and was assigned to the U.S. Army Alaska (Operations and Training) of the 68th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Group. He was later assigned to the 4th Regimental Combat Team at Eielson Air Force Base near Fairbanks, Alaska.

He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel at Fort Richardson, Alaska on April 28, 1954 and served as Deputy G-2 at Army Headquarters Alaska until January 1955.

Colonel Wilson later served as Chief of the Organization Division G-3 (Operations and Training) U.S. Army Air Defense Command Headquarters, Colorado Springs, Colorado until July 1961. From July 1961 to July 1962, he served as Chief of Plans and Deputy G-3 of the Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG) in Laos and then as Commander of the First Psychological Warfare Battalion.

He earned Bachelor of General Education degree from the University of Omaha in 1963 and in August of the same year he became Director of the Military Assistance Training Advisor (MATA) Department of the U.S. Army Special Warfare School.

He was promoted to Colonel on October 16, 1963 and retired on July 31, 1968.