

## **Colonel Charles L. Zolner (Class 31-42)**

Colonel Zolner enlisted in the Army on January 20, 1942. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School on September 24, 1942. He served overseas during World War II from November 1, 1942 until August 18, 1945.

He remained on inactive status with the Army of the United States (AUS) from December 20, 1945 until August 15, 1946. He was promoted to Captain in the Pennsylvania National Guard on March 19, 1949 and later commanded Headquarters Battery 107th Field Artillery. He was promoted to Major on September 15, 1954 and became a Regular Army Officer in 1958.

Colonel Zolner was assigned duty as an advisor to the 158th Field Artillery in Oklahoma and graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1960. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on December 22, 1961 and was assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas in 1963. He later served as the Deputy Commander of the Citadel until he was promoted to Colonel on June 15, 1967. He was then assigned to Fort Brooke, Puerto Rico as Commander of the Antilles Command Zone.

His awards and decorations include the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart.