

Colonel Tom Allen Arnold (Class 1-41)

Colonel Arnold enlisted in the Army on February 17, 1939. He was serving with Battery A, 77th Field Artillery at Fort Sill as a Sergeant when he entered Class # 1 at the Fort Sill Field Artillery Officer Candidate School. He graduated on October 1, 1941 and was commissioned a 2LT. His first assignment was to the Staff, Faculty and Detachments at the Field Artillery School.

He continued to serve and rise through the ranks during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He was promoted to Major on August 19, 1948 and LTC on June 23, 1951. He graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1953 and earned a B.S. Degree from Florida State University in 1959. He was promoted to Colonel on January 2, 1960 and retired from the Army in October 1966. His decorations include the Bronze Star with Two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Following his military retirement, Colonel Arnold graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a master's degree in library science. In 1968, he joined the faculty at Iowa State University, retiring in 1979 as director of the circulation department at the university library. He served as president of the Board of Trustees of Ames Public Library during its capital campaign and 1985 expansion.