

COLONEL FRANK A. ATHANASON, USA

Colonel Frank A. Athanason, 058818, Artillery, was assigned to the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs on 15 July 1968. He was born in Augusta, Georgia, on 1 August 1926.

Colonel Athanason's military career began in January 1945 when he was inducted into the service while attending the Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. In December 1945, he graduated from OCS as a 2d Lt. of Artillery and was integrated into the Regular Army on 1 January 1948.

Civilian schooling includes two years civil engineering at Georgia Tech and the Citadel during 1943-45; completed B.A. in Political Science, University of Washington 1955; completed half requirements toward M.A. in International Relations, George Washington University 1961-63.

Military schooling includes the Artillery Officer's Advance Course, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, 1952-53; Command and General Staff College, 1959-60; and the Army War College, 1967-68.

Decorations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

He is married to the former Vickie Rigas of Greenville, South Carolina. They have three children, two daughters and a son.

Duty assignments:

- 1946-47 Served as unit officer in units in U.S. and Germany.
- 1948-49 Served in various battery officer positions, Ft. Benning, Georgia.
- 1949-50 Instructor Basic Electronics, Ft. Bliss, Texas.
- 1950-51 Communications officer, firing battery commander, and assistant S-3, 555th FA BN, Korea.
- 1952-53 Artillery Advance Course, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.
- 1953-55 ROTC Instructor, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.
- 1955-59 Battery commander, Battalion S-3, and assistant S-3 Div Arty, 3d Armored Division, Germany.
- 1959-60 Command and General Staff College.

- 1960-64 Staff officer, International Developments, OCRD and AMC, Washington, D. C.
- 1964-65 Army Concept Team, Vietnam.
- 1965 Commander, 1st Battalion, 15th Artillery, Ft. Benning, Georgia.
- 1965-66 Commander, 2d Battalion, 35th Artillery, Ft. Carson, Colorado.
- 1966-67 G-4, 5th Infantry Division (Mech.), Ft. Carson, Colorado.
- 1967-68 Army War College
- 1968- Present assignment.

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be CO 3d Inf Div Acty as of 29 Jan 1970.*