

## **Colonel Henry J. Aust (Class 21-42)**

Colonel Aust enlisted in the Regular Army in August 1939 after a period with the New Jersey National Guard (Horse drawn) Artillery. He served with the 13th Field Artillery Regiment at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii until March 1942 and attained the rank of sergeant.

Aust returned to the States and received his commission at the Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill on July 14, 1942. He spent one year with the 78th Division at Camp Butner, North Carolina, then went to Parachute School at Fort Benning and graduated in October 1943.

He was shipped overseas and joined the 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division in March 1944. He served with the 82nd through Normandy, Holland, the Ardennes and on to Berlin, where he was promoted to captain. He remained with the 82nd at Fort Bragg until June 1948, then returned home and joined the 78th Division (Reserve) where he stayed until 1970, attaining the retired rank of colonel.

Colonel Aust's decorations include the Silver Star and French Croix de Guerre. His military education includes OCS, the Artillery Advanced Course at Fort Sill, Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, plus a number of short classes at Fort Sill, Fort Benning, Fort Knox and Fort Bragg.