

Colonel Joe Baker Jr (Class 109-44)

Colonel Baker enlisted in the Army on November 11, 1942 and graduated from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma on May 26, 1944. He was assigned to the 69th Infantry Division, Camp Shelby, Mississippi and entered service in the European Theater of Operations in December 1944. In addition to combat service in World War II he was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

He graduated from the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1961 and earned a Bachelor of General Education degree from the University of Omaha in 1962. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on February 27, 1963 and to Colonel on June 11, 1968.

Colonel Baker graduated from the Army War College in 1969. He was then assigned to Continental Army Command (CONARC) Headquarters at Fort Monroe, Virginia and later commanded XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

His awards and decorations include the Silver Star, The Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart.