

## **Colonel William E. Bartholdt (Class 89-43)**

Colonel Bartholdt graduated from the University of Missouri - Columbia and was enrolled in the ROTC Program. He entered the Army on June 29, 1942 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma on December 2, 1942. His initial assignment was to the Field Artillery Officer Replacement Pool, at Fort Sill.

His army career spanned 35 years in a variety of assignments, beginning with mule-drawn pack Artillery. His wartime service in World War II was with the 27th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 1st Infantry Division. He was promoted to Captain on July 19, 1946 and earned an AB degree from the University of Missouri in 1947. He was promoted to Major on July 19, 1960 and graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1962.

His overseas service included Germany, Italy, Vietnam and Saudi Arabia. In Vietnam he served in the Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support (CORDS) Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV). In Saudi Arabia he was assigned to The United States Military Training Mission (USMTM) Riyadh.

Colonel Bartholdt served on the faculties of the University of Oregon (ROTC), the United States Military Academy and the Command and General Staff College. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on March 9, 1964 and to Colonel on October 31, 1968. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.