

BG David C Baum - Artillery OCS Class 90-43

General Baum enlisted in Federal service on 22 March 1943. He attended the Field Artillery Officers Candidate School and upon graduation was commissioned a second lieutenant on 9 December 1943. He served as Assistant Adjutant and Assistant S-2 for the 768th Field Artillery Battalion and was promoted to first lieutenant on 27 July 1944.

As Battery Commander and Communications Officer, he went to the European Theater of Operations with the 768th Field Artillery Battalion in October 1944, and later was assigned as S-2, and Headquarters Battery Commander.

He was promoted to captain on 16 April 1945. In November 1945, he was transferred to the 533d Quartermaster Group and assigned as Assistant Depot Officer and next served as Depot Security Officer. He was Assistant Inspector General, Headquarters, West Base Section, European Theater of Operations, from May to October 1946. He returned home in November 1946, was promoted to major on 3 December 1946, and released from active duty on 1 February 1947.

General Baum joined the Oregon National Guard on 8 May 1948 in the grade of major and was assigned as Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 186th Infantry, until 31 October 1958; when he was assigned as Commanding Officer of the 1st Battle Group, 186th Infantry. He remained in this position until he assumed the duties of Assistant Division Commander, 41st Infantry Division on 5 June 1962.

He was promoted to lieutenant colonel on 14 August 1950, and to colonel on 12 June 1959. General Baum was Federally recognized in the grade of brigadier general of the Line on 19 November 1962.

On 15 November 1965, he was additionally assigned as Commanding General, 41st Infantry Brigade. Upon reorganization of the Oregon Army National Guard on 1 March 1968, General Baum assumed command of the 41st Infantry Brigade (Separate).

Decorations and Awards: Bronze Star; American Theater Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal; World War II Victory Medal; Army of Occupation Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal