



**COLONEL  
ROBERT A. BEAN, Jr.  
CLASS 19-69**

Colonel Bean completed flight training after OCS and then served in Korea, first as an Observation Helicopter Section Leader with the 59th Aviation Company and then Flight Platoon Leader with the 36th Engineer Group. After returning to Fort Sill, he was assigned to the 5th Missile Training Battalion and later to the 212th Field Artillery as the Group Aviation Officer.

As a Captain, he joined the Individual Ready Reserve and served with the 336th Aviation Company, 63rd ARCOM, Los Alamitos, California, as an Aviation Section Leader until appointment as a Chief Warrant Officer 2 in 1977. He served in various Instructor, Pilot and Examiner positions until receiving a direct appointment to Captain, Field Artillery in 1983. He then served in a variety of command and staff positions with the 6th Aviation Group, 214th Aviation Regiment and 168th Aviation Regiment of the 63rd ARCOM as both a Rotary Wing and Fixed Wing Aviator.

He went on to serve more than 12 years with the 311th Support Command (Corps) to include an assignment as a Detachment Operations Officer in Tazsar, Hungary and Special Troops Battalion Commander. His career culminated as the Chief of Staff, 311th Support Command (Corps).

Colonel Bean's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak-Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with four Oak-Leaf Clusters, the Korea Defense Service Medal and the Master Army Aviator Badge.