



**BRIGADIER GENERAL
LYLE D. BENDER
CLASS 7-67**

Brigadier General Bender first served as Executive Officer Battery C, 31st Field Artillery at Fort Sill. After graduating from the Rotary Wing Aviator Course he was assigned as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer with the 283rd Aviation Company, Fort Carson, Colorado.

He next completed a tour in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division as Flight Platoon Commander, Company C, 159th Air Assault Helicopter Battalion and later commanded the 327th Maintenance Detachment.

He joined the 24th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) Nebraska Army National Guard with duty as an Evacuation Pilot followed by an assignment as Service Platoon Commander. A variety of duty assignments with the Iowa Army National Guard included Commander of the 1064th Transportation Company, Executive Officer of the 248th Aviation Battalion and Commander of the 1st Battalion, 109th Aviation. He also served the State Area Command (STARC) as the Aviation Safety/Standardization Officer and later Director of the Army Aviation Staff Section.

He culminated his military career as Deputy Chief of Staff, Aviation Safety and Occupational Health, Iowa Army National Guard and then returned as the Civilian Director of Army Aviation, Safety and Occupational Health.

Brigadier General Bender's decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal (8 awards), the Army Commendation Medal and the Master Aviator Badge.