



**COLONEL
CARL F. BESS**

CLASS 18-52

Colonel Bess' initial assignment was Assistant S-4, 1st Missile Brigade, Fort Bliss Texas. He later served as Battery Executive Officer and Commander Headquarters Battery, 259th Field Artillery Missile Battalion.

He then served in a variety of assignments in the Army National Guard to include Battery Commander, Battalion LNO, S1, S2, S3 and XO as well as Commander 2nd Battalion 111th Field Artillery. His final assignment was Assistant Director of Personnel and Administration for the Virginia National Guard. Colonel Bess then served as a Department of the Army Civilian in a wide variety of positions, including 23 years on the Army General Staff in Washington D.C and the Pentagon.

In 1972 he was appointed by the Secretary of the Army to the Army Board for the Correction of Military Records (ABCMR), the highest level of administrative review to correct errors and injustices in military records. As the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) 95 Project Officer for the Army's Community and Family Support Center, he represented soldier and family interests in recovering \$11 million, which was returned to the nonappropriated fund to support community and quality of life programs for soldiers and families. Subsequent to this action Congress established controls to protect such funds during future BRAC actions.

Colonel Bess' 49 years of service to the Army culminated as Program Analyst for the Community and Family Support Center, Strategic Planning, Alexandria Virginia.