



**COLONEL
GERALD P. BIJOLD**

CLASS 8-66

Colonel Bijold's initial assignment was as Executive Officer and later the Commander of B Battery, 2nd Battalion, 30th Field Artillery (Honest John) at Fort Sill. After helicopter flight school he served as an Aerial Rocket Artillery Platoon Leader with 1st Cavalry Division Artillery, Vietnam. He returned to the States as an Instructor Pilot and later Commander of H Battery, 18th Field Artillery (105mm towed), Fort Rucker, Alabama. During a second tour in Vietnam Colonel Bijold served as an Air Cavalry Troop Platoon Commander with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

His subsequent Field Artillery assignments included Executive Officer of 1st Battalion, 19th Field Artillery (155mm SP) and S-4 DIVARTY, 4th Infantry Division. Colonel Bijold also served as Personnel Officer, DPCA at Fort Sill; Area Commander US Army Recruiting Command, Los Angeles; S-2, S-3 and S-4 of 4th Aviation Battalion, 4th Infantry Division and Plans Officer, C3, Combined Field Army Korea. Later at Fort Carson, Colorado he served as AFSCOORD, 4th Infantry Division and Executive Officer, 4th DISCOM.

His career culminated as the Director of Supply, Ammunition and Transportation, Depot System Command, Letterkenny Depot, Pennsylvania.

Colonel Bijold's decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal (four Oak Leaf Clusters), Air Medal (twenty-nine awards), Air Medal with "V" device (three awards), Army Commendation Medal with "V" device, and the Army Commendation medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters).