

Colonel Robert L. Bode Class 18-67

Colonel Bode's initial assignment was Recon Survey Officer, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Artillery at Fort Knox, Kentucky. After attending the Artillery Target Acquisition Course at Fort Sill, he served a tour in Korea with 4th Battalion, 76th Artillery as a Battery Executive and Liaison Officer. He completed his active duty as Assistant S-3, 3rd Battalion, 19th Field Artillery at Fort Hood and continued his military career with the Minnesota Army National Guard.

With 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery, Colonel Bode served first as B Battery Commander and then Assistant S-3, followed by duty as Brigade Fire Support Officer and later S-3, 1st Battalion 151st Field Artillery. After Command & General Staff College he served as the Operations Duty Officer for 47th Infantry Division Artillery and later the Assistant G-3, 47th Infantry Division.

He then served as the Battalion Executive Officer followed by several years as Commander of 1st Battalion, 175th Field Artillery. His next assignments were as S-3 and Assistant Fire Support Coordinator, 47th Infantry Division Artillery. He later served as Commander of the 47th Infantry Division and 34th Infantry Division (Redesignated) Support Command (DISCOM) and culminated his career as Plans Operations Training Officer State Area Command (STARC) - Minnesota.

In his civilian career in the food and bio-pharmaceutical industry, he was a member of the team that took the first biologic approved for treatment of rheumatoid arthritis from discovery to approval by the FDA. He also serves as chief financial officer of a non-profit that raises money for multiple myeloma research at the Mayo Clinic.