

Colonel Allen Thompson Brillhart, Jr - Artillery OCS Class 10-52

He was born March 8, 1926 to Allen T. Brillhart, Sr. and Annie Ethel Morrison in Little Rock, Arkansas. Allen attended Little Rock Public Schools and graduated from Central High in 1943. He attended Little Rock Junior College, earned a B.S. degree from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville and an MBA from UALR.

Colonel Brillhart was a U.S. Army officer whose career spanned 33 years and was a Veteran of three wars. He entered the Combat Infantry as a private in 1943 and fought in France and Germany. He attended Officers Candidate School in 1952 and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Field Artillery. In the Korean War, he was a forward observer and a battery commander. In 1959, he was promoted to Captain and commanded a Field Artillery Battery in Germany. After completing Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth in 1964, he was promoted to Major. During the Vietnam War, he represented the U.S. Embassy as a public relations liaison in the southwestern provinces. Allen became Commander of the 2nd Battalion, 28th Field Artillery, Ansbach, Germany in 1968. As a Lt. Colonel, he assumed command of the 10th Field Artillery Group in Ansbach. In 1969, he was reassigned to Headquarters, U.S. Army, Europe as Nuclear Weapons Employment Officer in Heidelberg. He co-chaired a study on Nuclear Defense of Central Europe which later became the Nuclear Defense Plan of Central Europe. After promotion to Colonel Regular Army in 1972, he was assigned as Tactical Operation Chief, 8th U.S. Army, Seoul, Korea. His last military assignment was to the Arkansas National Guard at Camp Robinson as Senior Advisor in 1974. He retired from active duty in August, 1978.

Colonel Brillhart's military decorations were many, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star for Meritorious Service, Meritorious Service Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Staff Commendation Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, eight Campaign Stars, the Arkansas Distinguished Service Medal, and the Arkansas Commendation Medal. He is remembered in the Artillery OCS Hall of Fame at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and is a charter member of the National WWII Museum.

Allen's second career was that of founder, investment advisor and broker at Personalized Financial Planning, Inc. and Personalized Investments, Inc., in Little Rock. He established the business in 1984 which he directed until 2006.