

Colonel C. Randolph Brown (Class 114-44)

Colonel Brown graduated from Culver Military Academy with training as a Cavalry Officer and went on to attend Virginia Military Institute. He was inducted into the Army in 1943. He entered the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School on March 6, 1944 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation July 1, 1944, four days after his 19th birthday.

He fought in WWII, as a Forward Observer, in various campaigns in the South Pacific and was promoted to Captain by the end of the war. He was awarded three Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart during his time in combat. Shortly after the end of the war, he was sent to Korea as an Intelligence Officer for one year. He stayed an active member of the Army Reserve and retired with the rank of Colonel.

Upon his return to the States, he graduated with an BS in geology from Louisiana State University, then Tulane Law School and eventually attended Harvard where he graduated in the school's Advanced Management Program for Business.

After graduating Tulane Law, he went to work with his father at the law firm of Shotwell, Brown & Sperry, one of the oldest law firms in North Louisiana. Early in his career he left the firm and went to work at Olinco, Inc. now Riverwood International Corporation, where he became the General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Directors. The company had plants in 28 countries and around one million acres in North and Central Louisiana. Colonel Brown was a pioneer in the oil and gas industry and environmental law. Some years later Mr. Brown returned to Shotwell, Brown and Sperry and became the Managing Partner until his retirement at age 86.