

## Colonel Donald D. Burke (Class 29-42)

Colonel Donald D. Burke was born in New Hampton, Iowa on May 20, 1921. He served his country in the US Army in three wars: World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He served as an enlisted man in the Army from June 3, 1939 until September 9, 1942 and rose to the rank of Technical Sergeant. Shortly after finishing Officer Candidate School, he became a paratrooper and served in the South Pacific with the 462nd Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. He was Headquarters Battery Commander of the unit which was air-dropped onto Corregidor with their 75 mm pack howitzers in 1945. He was also with the 52nd Field Artillery Battalion which was the first US Artillery unit to assist the UN forces during the start of the Korean Conflict.

He was promoted to Major on April 28, 1954 and completed the Command and General Staff College in 1958. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on September 19, 1961 and to Colonel on April 24, 1967.

Colonel Burke's decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with V-device and Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart, and the Army Commendation Medal.

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**BURKE Donald Dean 080625 B-Iowa 20 May 21 A-III BSM(OLC)  
 CM PH Grad ACGSC (C) 58 Arty & GM Sch O Adv Crse 56 Enl 3 June  
 39 to 9 Sep 42 4 Nov 46 to 13 Sep 50 WO 14 Sep 50 to 16 Sep 50  
 2lt AUS 10 Sep 42 to Lt Col AUS 19 Sep 61 RA Capt Arty 8 Apr 58  
 D/R 2 Oct 53 to Maj 1 Apr 61 PL 7994**

