Colonel John W. Clifford - Artillery OCS Class 11-42

Colonel Clifford was born in Brigham City, Utah on June 4, 1917. He graduated from Ricks College, the Artillery Officers Candidate School, the University of Utah, the US Army War College, and the Univ of Oklahoma. Formal degrees include a BS in Civil Engineering and an MA in International Relations. An ardent American patriot, 30 years of service in the military taught him that preparation and vigilance are the best deterrent to conflict. He fought in New Guinea and the Philippines under his hero, Douglas MacArthur, in WWII as an artillery forward observer, and again in the same capacity during the Korean War. He served in the 13th Field Artillery Battalion, 24th Infantry Division in WW II and the 1st Field Artillery Observation Battalion during the Korean War.

Throughout his career he commanded an atomic missile battalion in Germany and the 214th Artillery Group at Ft. Still, Okla. He was also in the Pentagon during the Cuban missile crisis as an advisor to the joint chiefs of staff, commanded troops at the 1968 Chicago convention, and spent two different tours of duty in Taiwan as a senior military advisor to the Republic of China. He was promoted to Colonel on May 15, 1964. He retired in 1971 at the rank of Colonel to spend the next ten years in Norman, Oklahoma as the deputy director of the US Office of Postal Training Operations.

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