



**COLONEL  
DONNELLY G. COWAN**

**CLASS 65-55**

Colonel Cowan served in a variety of Field Artillery assignments after graduating from Officer Candidate School. He was a Forward Observer with Battery C, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Lewis, Washington and served as a Mortar Battery Platoon Commander while stationed in Alaska. At Fort Rucker, Alabama he served as a Battery Executive Officer and then Commander of a Combat Support Company of the 31st Infantry.

Colonel Cowan was the Battalion Motor Officer, 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery, Korea. He next served as Battalion Motor Officer, Battery Commander and later Assistant S-3, 6th Battalion, 16th Artillery, Fort Chaffee, Arkansas.

He commanded Headquarters and Service Battery, 3rd Battalion, 76th Artillery in Europe, and later served as the Battalion S-3 and Executive Officer. After studying Vietnamese at the Defense Language Institute, Colonel Cowan served a tour of duty in Vietnam as a Psychological Warfare/Civil Affairs Officer.

Colonel Cowan then attended the Command and General Staff College and immediately assumed command of 3rd Battalion, 32nd Artillery (Honest John), Fort Sill. He later served with the Chemical and Nuclear Directorate, Washington D.C. and culminated his career as Chief of the Nuclear Division, U.S. Army Nuclear and Chemical Surety Group, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Colonel Cowan's decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Bronze Star Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal.