

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA FOR
BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN W. DEAN, JR.

JOHN WILSON DEAN, JR. was born in Evanston, Wyoming on 8 March 1918.

He attended Brigham Young University 1935-1937 and 1939-1941 where he majored in Economics.

In December 1941, he graduated from Officers' Candidate School, Class Number 3 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery. The 188th Field Artillery Regiment and then the 76th Field Artillery Brigade were his first units of assignment.

He joined the 75th Infantry Division as S1/S4 of the Division Artillery in September 1943 and accompanied it to the European Theater where he served as ACofS, G4 during the European campaigns.

Upon completion of the war, he was assigned to the Office of Deputy Chief of Staff, US Army Europe as Chief of the Supply and Equipment Branch and later served concurrently as the G1 (personnel) and G5 (Civil Affairs) of Headquarters Command, US Army Europe. Commissioning in the Regular Army occurred in 1946.

Returning to the states in July 1948, he assumed the duties as instructor with the 40th Infantry Division, California National Guard. When the Division was called to federal service in September 1950, he accompanied the Division as Assistant Chief of Staff, G3; training in California and in Japan and then into combat in Korea in December 1951. In May 1952, he was appointed Chief of Staff of the 40th Infantry Division. Following Korea, he served as Deputy Chief of Staff of the Military Assistance Advisory Group, Japan, until the end of 1953. Returning stateside early in 1954, he attended the Armed Forces Staff College and was then assigned to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he assumed command of the 967th Armored FA Battalion and later served as Executive Officer, G3 Section, US Army Artillery and Missile Center. He was appointed Secretary of the Artillery and Guided Missile School in January 1956 and held this position until June 1958, departing to attend the National War College.

Upon graduation from National War College in June 1959, assignment was as Chief of Personnel Actions Division in the Office of Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Department of the Army. In May 1961, he was assigned as Executive Officer, Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, where he remained until departure for overseas assignment in July 1963.

From 1963 to 1966 he served as Chief of Staff, US Army Southern European Task Force in Italy. He returned to Fort Sill and assumed command of III Corps Artillery on 1 August 1966. While commanding the III Corps Artillery, he was nominated for promotion to Brigadier General in July 1967 and departed for Korea in early September.

From September 1967 to October 1968, he commanded the 38th Artillery Brigade (AD) in Korea, returning stateside in October 1968 to assume command of the 31st Artillery Brigade (AD).