



**COLONEL
ARTHUR DESJARDINS
CLASS 27-66**

Colonel Desjardins attended the US Army School of America in Panama prior to serving two extended tours in Vietnam. While in Vietnam he served as a Battery Executive Officer, Ammo Officer, Aerial Observer, Battery Commander, Corps Artillery Advisor and Battalion Senior Artillery Advisor. Between tours he attended the Field Artillery Advanced Course and Airborne Training. After his second Vietnam tour he returned to Fort Bliss to serve as a branch instructor.

He left active duty in 1973 and joined the Reserves where he served with the 87th USA Maneuver Area Command from 1977 to 1990. His assignments included Unit Action Officer, Artillery Battalion/ Battery Controller, Administration/Logistics Controller, Operations/Intelligence Controller and deputy Chief of Field Artillery Group 1. His terminal assignment was at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin where he played a key role in the mobilization effort for Desert Shield/Desert Storm and the Global War on Terror. He retired as Senior Purchasing Agent for Special Projects for the Tennessee Valley Authority

His decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart w/OLC, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal w/2 OLC, Army Commendation Medal w/2 OLC, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Reserve Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal w/OLC, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/8 OLC, Republic of Vietnam Honor Medal 1st Class and Vietnam Civic Action Medal.