

COLONEL NORMAN E. DUCKWORTH  
COMMANDER, 45TH FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE  
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Colonel Duckworth enlisted as a Private in Battery A, Second Battalion, 189th Field Artillery, 45th Infantry Division 17 March 1955, and on 26 June 1956 he transferred to Battery A, 160th Field Artillery Battalion. He enlisted in the Active Army 13 September 1956, and while on active duty attended the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School and was commissioned Second Lieutenant 1 October 1957. After spending two years in Europe and reaching the rank of First Lieutenant, Colonel Duckworth returned to the Army Reserve on 20 September 1959.

On 1 January 1960, Colonel Duckworth rejoined the Oklahoma Army National Guard and was assigned as Liaison Officer in Headquarters Headquarters Battery, First Howitzer Battalion, 189th Artillery, 45th Infantry Division. And was promoted to Captain 1 November 1961. On 21 May 1963, Colonel Duckworth transferred to the First Battalion 160th Field Artillery and was appointed as Battery Commander of Battery C of that Organization.

On 1 November 1965, Colonel Duckworth was appointed Company Commander of Company A, First Battalion 179th Infantry and changed from Artillery branch to Infantry branch effective the same date. On 7 December 1965, Colonel Duckworth returned to Artillery and was assigned as Artillery Intelligence Officer with Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 45th Infantry Division Artillery.

Colonel Duckworth was appointed Assistant S3 Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 45th Infantry Division Artillery 1 April 1967, and was promoted to Major 4 April 1967. On 1 February 1968, Colonel Duckworth was appointed S3 Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 45th Field Artillery. On 20 August 1971, Colonel Duckworth was assigned to the First Battalion (8") 158th Field Artillery, Oklahoma Army National Guard as S3 and on 1 October 1971, he was assigned Executive Officer of that organization.

On 11 April 1972, Colonel Duckworth was assigned as Battalion Commander of the First Battalion 158th Field Artillery (8" SP), and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel 19 April 1972. Colonel Duckworth transferred to the

First (Tgt Acq) Battalion 171st Field Artillery Oklahoma Army National Guard and assumed command of that organization 1 February 1975.

On 1 February 1976, Colonel Duckworth was assigned to Headquarters Headquarters Battery, 45th Field Artillery Group as Group Executive Officer. On 1 April 1977 he was assigned as Group Commander, 45th Field Artillery Group, Oklahoma Army National Guard and was promoted to Colonel 2 May 1977. When the 45th Field Artillery Group was reorganized as a Field Artillery Brigade 1 September 1978, Colonel Duckworth was appointed Brigade Commander.

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS: Good Conduct Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal; Oklahoma Commendation Medal; Oklahoma Guardsman Medal; Oklahoma Long Service Medal (20 years); Army

On April 1, 1977, Duckworth was named group commander of the 45th Field Artillery Brigade and promoted to colonel in May 1977. In March 1984 he was promoted to Brigadier General and named the Assistant Adjutant General of Oklahoma National Guard.