

## **Colonel William H. Fleshman (Class 52-43)**

Colonel Fleshman was born Sept. 26, 1921, in Leavenworth, Kansas and graduated from Leavenworth High School. He holds a bachelor's degree from Cameron University, where he was an adjunct instructor from 1979-83.

He was inducted into the U.S. Army at Fort Sill in 1942 and graduated from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School as a second lieutenant on February 18, 1943. He served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and his last assignment was as Deputy Assistant Commandant of the Army Field Artillery School at Fort Sill. He was a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College and the United States War College.

His major command positions included the 1st Battalion (Nike), 84th Artillery, the 3rd Battalion (Pershing), 84th Artillery and the 9th Field Artillery Missile Group.

Colonel Fleshman served on the general staff at Fifth Army Headquarters; the Military Assistance Command in Saigon, Vietnam; U.S. Army Headquarters, Panama; and the U.S. Army chief of staff at the Pentagon for four years. He retired with the rank of colonel in 1974.

His military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle East Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army of Occupation Medal-Germany, Army of Occupation Medal-Japan, the Korean Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Vietnam Honor Medal, Vietnam Commendation Medal, the Korean Order of Military Merit and the Department of the Army General Staff Badge.