

COLONEL GEORGE D. HASKINS

Colonel George D. Haskins, 032110, retired from active military service on 31 December 1968 after having served as Professor of Military Science at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama since 1 September 1965. His previous assignment was Chief of the Joint Training Branch, Training Division, Office Deputy Chief of Staff for Unit Training and Readiness, Headquarters Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Colonel Haskins first entered military service as a volunteer officer candidate on June 15, 1942. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of Field Artillery after graduation from the Fort Sill Officer Candidate School on 31 December 1942. He was released from active duty on 2 January 1946 only to reenter service on 19 July 1946 upon integration into the Regular Army.

In his military service, Colonel Haskins has served in four overseas assignments. He served as the assistant S-2 of the 177th and 182d Field Artillery Groups in Europe from July 1944 until October 1945. From January 1946 until May 1949, he was assigned to the 24th Infantry Division in Japan, serving first as Battery Commander, A Battery 63d FA Bn, S-3 63d FA Bn and on the Division Commander's Special Staff as Commandant of the 24th Infantry Division School Center. From January 1954 until May 1955, while serving in Korea he saw duty as S-3, 2d Infantry Division Artillery, Commanding Officer of the 37th FA Bn and Senior Artillery Advisor to the I Republic of Korea Corps. In February 1958, he returned to Europe, commanding the 269th Field Artillery, which was one of the last battalions to gyroscope to Europe. Following one year in Europe with the battalion, which was redesignated 3rd Bn, 37th Artillery in VII United States Corps, he was reassigned to the G-3 section of Headquarters United States Army Europe. As member of the United States Army Europe Staff, he was assigned as the Nuclear Weapons Employment Advisor to the Commander-in-Chief of Allied Forces Central Europe and Commander of Allied Land Forces, Central Europe at Fontainbleau, France.

In his stateside assignments, Colonel Haskins served as an enlisted section leader in the Field Artillery Training Center at Fort Sill in 1942. As a commissioned officer he has served as Motor Officer and Special Services Officer of the 177th Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Survey Officer of the 252d FA Bn at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, Assistant S-2, S-3, and S-4 of the 177th Field Artillery Group at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, Fort Riley, Kansas, Tennessee Maneuver Area and Fort Dix, New Jersey prior to going overseas in 1944. After integration into the Regular Army in 1946, Colonel Haskins was assigned to the 2d Infantry Division Artillery, Fort Lewis, Washington as a battery commander and staff officer. In 1950 Colonel Haskins was assigned to the Artillery School at Fort Sill as the supervisor of the Methods of Instruction Course, where he was responsible for training all new Artillery School instructors as well as students in techniques of military instruction.

Later he became executive officer of the Department of the Airborne, Special Operations and General Subjects. Following his return from Korea in 1955, Colonel Haskins was assigned to the G-3 Office of Headquarters, Fourth United States Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. While in this assignment he served as Chief of the War Plans Branch and Chief of Operations successively. While in these two positions he performed the additional duty of Civil Defense Liaison Officer of Region V of the Civil Defense Administration. This additional duty resulted in a period of temporary duty as operations officer of a Joint Army Navy Air Force Hurricane Relief Project for the City of Tampico, Mexico. In July 1957 Colonel Haskins assumed command of the 259th Field Artillery Battalion and the 40th Artillery Group, Fort Carson, Colorado to prepare the 259th FA Bn for movement to Seventh United States Army in Europe in February 1958. Upon his return from Europe in 1961, Colonel Haskins was assigned to the G-3 Office of Headquarters United States Continental Army Command as Chief of the Special Training and Training Support Branch.

Colonel Haskins graduated from Humboldt, Nebraska High School in 1930. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Peru Nebraska State Teachers College in 1934 and was awarded the Masters of Arts Degree from the University of Nebraska in 1940. In college he held various offices as a member of Beta Beta Beta, honorary Biology Fraternity, Phi Delta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi, honorary Education Fraternities, Alpha Mu Omega, honorary Mathematics Fraternity, the College Dramatics Club and varsity track team. During the period 1934 to 1942, Colonel Haskins was employed as a high school teacher, athletic coach and guidance counselor in three different Nebraska high schools. While on inactive duty in 1946, he was employed as a Junior Engineer by the Wyoming Highway Department.

Colonel Haskins is a graduate of the Field Artillery Officers Candidate Course and the Officers Survey Course of the Field Artillery School. He is also a graduate of the Odograph Course of the Cavalry School; The Food Service Supervisors Course of the Presidio of San Francisco; The Special Weapons Course at Sandia Base, New Mexico; Air Ground Operations Courses at Southern Pines, North Carolina and Johnson Air Force Base, Japan; Bomb Reconnaissance Course, England; and the Civil Defense Staff Officers Course, Denton, Texas. He graduated from the Artillery Officers Advanced Course of the Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Fort Bliss, Texas in 1950. He graduated from the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1957.

Within the above assignments Colonel Haskins has served as the only United States Army Europe member of the first Joint Strategic Operations Planning Staff at Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. While assigned to Headquarters USCONARC he was a member of the Basic Officers-ROTC Course Revision Board and the United States Army Strike Command member of the United States Strike Command Joint Air Movements Board.

Colonel Haskins has been awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster for Valor and the Army Commendation Medal. In World War II he participated in the Northern France, Central Europe, Rhineland and Ardennes Campaigns, Decorations and Citations include the European, African, Middle East Service Medal, The American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, the Army Occupation Medal for both Germany and Japan, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal.

Colonel Haskins is a member of the Association of the United States Army, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, Alabama, Endeavor Lodge Number 262 of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Indianola, Nebraska and Vice President of the Jacksonville Exchange Club, Jacksonville, Alabama.

Colonel Haskins is married to the former Eleanor Rawson of Indianola, Nebraska. They have two daughters, Elizabeth Jean Haskins, a graduate of Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia at Fredericksburg, and Nancy Eleanore, a freshman at the University of Alabama. Colonel Haskins and family reside at 410 6th Street, Jacksonville, Alabama.