

COLONEL ROBERT L. HOFFMAN
Biographical Sketch

Colonel Robert Lee Hoffman was born on December 10, 1920, in Dayton, Ohio. He attended Scioto Township High School at Wakefield, Ohio, graduating in June, 1941. He entered the Army in July, 1942, taking basic training with the 80th Infantry Division Artillery at Camp Forrest, Tennessee. Following basic training, he entered OCS at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in November, 1942, and was commissioned 2d Lieutenant, Artillery, in January, 1943. He immediately entered aviation training at Denton, Texas, and was graduated a liaison pilot in June, 1943, from the Department of Air Training, The Artillery School, at Fort Sill. In July, Colonel Hoffman joined the 6th Artillery Group which was enroute from Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, to the European Theatre. He served in five European campaigns as an artillery pilot in Italy, France, and Germany with the 6th Artillery Group. He returned to the United States in July, 1945, to Fort Sill, but was ordered back to Europe in March, 1946, to serve with the US Constabulary as an Army aviator. Returning to the United States in November, 1949, Colonel Hoffman served with the 36th Engineer Group and 2d Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington, until the outbreak of hostilities in Korea. He left Fort Lewis for Korea with the 2d Infantry Division as division aviation officer in August, 1950. He served through five campaigns with the division in Korea returning again to the United States in September, 1951, to Fort Lewis, Washington, as Post Aviation Officer. In 1952, on transferring from Artillery to Transportation Corps, Colonel Hoffman was given command of a helicopter company at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for a year, departing for Europe in June, 1954. After serving two years with the Seventh Army Headquarters, he commanded the 41st Aircraft Maintenance Battalion for a year returning to Fort Monroe, Virginia, in July, 1957. After a two-year tour at Fort Monroe, he served on the Department of the Army General Staff with the Army Aviation Directorate in the office of the Deputy Chief for Military Operations. Colonel Hoffman left the Pentagon in November, 1962, to command the 45th Aviation Battalion in Vietnam returning in October, 1963, to Fort Rucker, Alabama, to serve three years with the Combat Developments Command Aviation Agency. Following a seven-month tour in the Pentagon on an aviation requirements study group, Colonel Hoffman was appointed Director of the Maintenance Training Department of the Transportation School at Fort Eustis, Virginia, on 1 April 1967. On 1 December 1967, Colonel Hoffman became Commanding Officer of the U. S. Army Combat Developments Command Transportation Agency at Fort Eustis.

Colonel Hoffman has attended a number of aviation courses of instruction and is both fixed wing and rotary wing qualified and a senior Army aviator. He attended C&GSC in 1958 and earned his BS Degree from the University of Maryland. His awards include the Legion of Merit with OLC, BSM with "V" device, AM with 12th OLC, and the ACM, as well as numerous service awards.