

Colonel Charles E. Howard - Artillery OCS Class 2-41

Colonel Howard was born on November 21, 1921 in Anson, Texas. He enlisted in the Army while still in high school. By September 1940, he was ordered into federal service. He began his active duty as an NCO with the 154th Field Artillery in the 45th Division.

His first assignment upon graduation from Artillery OCS on November 11, 1941 was to Battery F, 158th Field Artillery, Camp Barkeley, Texas. He was a veteran of the European Theater of Operations in World War II.

From 1948 to 1950 he served in the G2 Section, General Headquarters, Far East Command, Tokyo. From 1958 to 1961 he was Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations, Department of the Army. He was Executive Officer for the 7th Division Artillery in Korea in 1961 before he returned to the United States to activate the 7th Battalion, 8th Artillery at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas.

Colonel Howard served as Commandant of the Fort Sill Army Artillery & Missile Officer Candidate School from August 1965 to May 1967. He was the only graduate of the school to serve in that capacity for a full tour.

He culminated his career as the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations and Training at Fort Sill in June 1968.

Colonel Howard is a graduate of the Artillery Advanced Course, Fort Sill and the US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth.

Upon retirement from the military, he obtained a bachelor's degree in English in 1971. He taught at Central Junior High School in Lawton, Oklahoma until retiring in 1986.