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Charles F. Kane - Director, Equal Opportunity in Off-Base Housing

Charles (Chuck) F. Kane was born in Montrose, Colorado on March 8, 1912. He entered Civil Federal Service April 28, 1936 with the Postal Department, where he served in Colorado and Illinois until he was drafted into the U.S. Army June 27, 1941. He served as an enlisted man at Fort Sill, Oklahoma until March 24, 1942, at which time he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery in the Army of the United States.

His first commissioned assignment was with the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he served as a Tactical Officer with the Officer's Candidate School. During this period he volunteered for the Pack Artillery and attended the Pack Artillery Officer's Course at the Field Artillery School.

In May 1943, he was assigned to the Mountain Training Center at Camp Carson, Colorado and served as the Commandant of the Officer's Pack Artillery School until his assignment in September 1943 as a battery Commander in the 604 Field Artillery Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, Camp Hale, Colorado.

On October 16, 1943 Charles Kane was assigned to the Field Artillery School as Executive Officer of the Animal Transport Department. During this period he attended the Field Artillery Officer's Advanced Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

From September 29, 1945 until deactivation, Charles Kane served successively as Battalion S-3, Executive Officer and Commander of the 435th Field Artillery Battalion at Schofield Barracks, T.H.

Charles Kane served as Assistant Headquarters Commandant and Executive Officer of Special Troops, United States Army Pacific, Fort Shafter, T.H. from April 1, 1946 until July 4, 1948. During the period September 1948 to June 1949 he attended the Infantry Advanced Course at Fort Benning, Georgia.

In August 1949, Charles Kane was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington and served successively as Battalion S-3 and Executive Officer of the 3rd Battalion of the 23rd Infantry. He assumed command of the Battalion in Korea in September 1950 and retained command until his evacuation for combat wounds in March 1951.

In August 1951, Charles Kane attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and upon completion of the course was assigned as an instructor. He served in this capacity until August 1955 when he was assigned as a student to the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

Upon completion of the War College, Charles Kane was assigned to Headquarters, United States European Command, Paris, France, where he served as an Operations Staff Officer in the J-3 Division until May 1959.

In July 1959 Charles Kane was assigned to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) as the Assistant for Continuity of Operations Plans. He served in this position until July, 1963.

Charles Kane attended the Defense Intelligence School, Washington, D. C. from July 1963 until May 1964 when he was assigned as Army and Defense Attache to Pakistan. He served in Pakistan until July 1966.

Upon his return to Washington, Charles Kane was appointed Chief of the Working Group for the Secretary of the Army's Study on Family Housing. At the completion of the study he was assigned as Deputy, Department of the Army Housing Coordinator where he served until December 1967.

In December 1967, Charles Kane was assigned to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) as the Deputy Coordinator for Off-Base Housing Services. He was later appointed as Director, Equal Opportunity in Off-Base Housing and was charged with the responsibility for direction and implementation of the Department of Defense Equal Housing Program.

Mr. Kane retired from the U.S. Army as a Colonel on September 30, 1968. He was reappointed as a civilian to his present position on October 1, 1968.

## Citations and Decorations

Silver Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster
Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster
Army Commendation Ribbon
Distinguished Unit Citation
Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster
Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation
French Croix de Guerre with Gold Star
Department of Defense Identification Device
Legion of Merit