



**COLONEL  
JAMES A. KILGORE**

**CLASS 1-56**

Colonel Kilgore's initial assignment after completion of OCS was to attend the Fixed Wing and later the Rotary Wing Pilot Courses while assigned to the XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He then served with the 110th Aviation Company in Italy followed by command of an Air Defense Artillery Battery at Fort Bliss, Texas. He was then assigned to Vietnam as an Operations Officer and Commander of an Armed Helicopter Platoon with the 118th Aviation Company.

His next assignment was as Operations Officer, Fort Bliss Flight Detachment. He then served as Commander of a Helicopter Training Flight and Chief, MOI at the Primary Helicopter School, Fort Wolters, Texas. After serving as an Artillery Branch Assignment Officer at the Department of the Army he commanded the 8th Battalion, 61st Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division in Korea and later was the DIVARTY Executive Officer. After attending the Army War College, he served as Director of Tactics, US Army Air Defense School, Fort Bliss. He then commanded The 2nd Infantry Division Support Command in Korea before returning to Fort Bliss for his final assignment as the Director of Training Developments.

Colonel Kilgore's decorations include the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal (15 awards, one with V-device), the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (with Oak- Leaf Cluster) and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.