



**COLONEL  
JOHN R. KINNEY, Jr.  
CLASS 36-42**

Colonel Kinney joined the Massachusetts National Guard in 1933 and entered active service in 1941 at Camp Edwards with the 26th Infantry Division. He was selected to attend Officer Candidate School in August 1942 and after graduating was stationed at Camp Campbell, Kentucky where he was eventually assigned to the 20th Armored Division and deployed to France in 1944. During World War II he served as an air observer with the 20th Armored Division where he survived three airplane crashes and participated in the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp.

After the war he returned to the National Guard where he served with the 212th Field Artillery and later the 211th Field Artillery Battalion. He led the Battalion in a year-long deployment to Fort Bragg in the early 1960's that was prompted by the Berlin Crisis. Prior to the release of the Battalion from active duty he attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He later commanded the 102nd Artillery Group and culminated his career as the Inspector General, Massachusetts Army National Guard. He also served as Administrative Assistant to the Mayor of New Bedford, Massachusetts and as military attaché for Governor Foster Furcolo.

Colonel Kinney's awards and decorations include the Air Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal (Germany).