



**COLONEL
JOHN A. MAIER
CLASS NG1-55**

Colonel Maier rose to the rank of First Sergeant of a firing battery after eight years in the New Jersey Army National Guard. After attending OCS at Fort Sill, he served with the 696th Armored Field Artillery Battalion and the 50th Armored Division Artillery. He attended the Army Aviation Primary Tactical Flight Training Course at Fort Rucker in 1957 and completed Rotary Wing training in 1959.

He was ordered to active duty at Fort Polk, Louisiana during the Berlin Crisis in 1961 and served one year with the 112th Field Artillery Group. He later attended the 4th Army Instructor Pilot Training Course at Fort Sill and the US Army Special Warfare Staff Officer Course at Fort Benning.

Colonel Maier then returned to the New Jersey National Guard to serve as Aviation Safety Officer, 150th Aviation Battalion and Aviation Officer for the 50th Armored Division Artillery. His subsequent assignments were as the New Jersey National Guard Operations and Training Officer and Aviation Branch Chief. He culminated his career as the Director of Army Aviation, New Jersey National Guard.

His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 30 year device, and the Master Army Aviator Badge.