



**COLONEL
BERNARD D. MCCRAW**

CLASS 11-70

Colonel McCraw's initial assignment after graduating from Officer Candidate School was with 1st Battalion, 37th Field Artillery, Fort Richardson, Alaska where he served as a Battery Forward Observer and Executive Officer and later Assistant Battalion S-3. He left active duty in December 1971.

Colonel McCraw then served in numerous positions in the Active Reserve from 1972 until 2000. His assignments included service with the 425th Transportation Movement Control Center, Manhattan, Kansas and the 75th Maneuver Area Command Division Exercise Group FSCoord, Houston, Texas. He also served as Deputy Commander of the 4003rd U.S. Army Garrison and later as the Commander of 1st Battalion, 291st Regiment, 95th Division (Training), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

His career culminated as Commander of the Senior ROTC Brigade (Provisional), 95th Division (Training) at Stillwater, Oklahoma. Colonel McCraw transferred to the Retired Reserve in May 2000 and retired in November 2004.

He earned a Masters in Horticulture from Oklahoma State in 1974 and Ph D. in Horticulture from Kansas State University in 1977. He served as an Extension Horticulturist at Texas A&M and later Oklahoma State University. He retired from his civilian occupation on 30 June 2004.

Colonel McCraw's decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), and the Army Commendation Medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters).