

Colonel (Retired) Samuel H. McKenty, Jr. started his military service as a volunteer with the Citizens Military Training Program (1938-1940) in Pennsylvania. He attended the West Point Prep Program in 1940-1941. He joined the Regular Army in June 1942 and reached the rank of corporal before attending Artillery OCS. He graduated with OCS Class #50 on 4 February 1943 and was posted to Europe where he served as a Communications Officer, Battery XO, and Battery Commander. He reached the grade of captain before being released from active duty in 1946 to attend the University of Pennsylvania. In 1948 COL McKenty returned to active duty and went to Germany. There he was assigned to A Battery, 33 FA Bn where he was an LNO, AXO, and XO. From there he attended the FA Advance Course and stayed on as an instructor in T&CA. In 1953 he went to Korea where he was a Battery Commander in the 48th FA Bn; G3 Air, 7th Infantry Division; and S3, 48th FA Bn.

In 1957 he went to Syracuse University as an Assistant PMST. He was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas where he was an Assistant S3, 2d AD. He then went to the 1st Rocket/Howitzer Battalion 16 Artillery as the Battalion XO and later as the Battalion Commander. He was sent to LANDCENT (NATO) as the Operations and Training Officer (G-3). In 1965 he returned to CONUS and the Pentagon where he served as the Chief, Plans Branch from 1965 - 1968. He then returned to school at the University of Maryland until 1969. He was assigned to USAPAC where he worked for the late General C. W. Abrams in MACV Headquarters. Returned to CONUS and Fort Hood, Texas in 1970 where he worked at III Corps Headquarters until his retirement in 1973. COL McKenty passed away at Kingsland, Texas in October 1981 and was buried at Fort Sam Houston, Texas National Cemetery with full military honors.