

COLONEL BRUCE A. OLSON CLASS 8-70

Colonel Olson served with Battery C, 1st Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery in Germany as a Firing Platoon Commander and Executive Officer. After leaving active duty he held a variety of command and staff positions in the Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve.

He has tours of duty with the 2nd Armored Division, 5th Mechanized Infantry Division, the 36th Airborne Brigade, 71st Airborne Brigade (Separate), V Corps and the 75th Division. He has served as a fire team leader, squad, platoon leader, executive officer for rocket and cannon artillery as well as an airborne infantry rifle company commander, a logistics battalion commander and a brigade commander. At battalion level he has been an S-3 and an executive officer in infantry units. He has served as an Assistant S-3 Air, as well as S-3 for infantry brigades and a Division G-3.

With the 75th Division he first served as director of the 1st Brigade Fire Support Group, then as commander of the 1375th Logistics Support Battalion, next as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, then commander of the 3rd Brigade. He culminated his career with a second tour as 75th Division Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

Colonel Olson's decorations include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Master Parachutist Badge.