

COLONEL GORMAN S. OSWELL, QMC

Colonel Oswell was born 8 January 1918 at Brockton, Massachusetts. He graduated from Brockton High School and later received a Department of Army evaluation of completion of Junior College.

Colonel Oswell served as an enlisted man from September 1941 to June 1942 reaching the rank of Tech Sergeant in the Field Artillery. He entered Artillery OCS in June 1942 and was commissioned a Lieutenant in the Field Artillery in September 1942, following which he completed Parachute School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He served with the 82nd Airborne Division during WWII in the European Theater of Operations where he participated in the Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Ardennes-Alsace, Central Europe, Rhineland and Anzio Campaigns. After a short break in service Colonel Oswell again served with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N. C. until January 1954. During these two periods he was with the 376 Airborne Field Artillery Battalion, Hq 82nd Airborne Division Artillery, serving in various positions such as Battalion Adjutant, Battalion Executive Officer, Battery Commander, Assistant Battalion S-3, and Adjutant for the 82nd Division Artillery. Upon completion of the Associate Course and the Special Weapons Course at C & GSC, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Colonel Oswell was assigned to MAAG Japan from August 1954 until August of 1957 serving as Chief Transportation and Port Operations Branch and Logistics Liaison Officer for the U. S. Army Element Japan. He returned to CONUS in September of 1957 to serve with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky for two years where he held the positions of Assistant G-4, Division Supply Officer and Assistant Chief of Staff. From July of 1959 to May of 1961 he again served in the 82nd Airborne Division. This time as Assistant Executive Officer and Adjutant of Division Artillery and as Assistant Chief of Staff, of the Division. From May 1961 to August 1962 he served in the G-3 section of Hq EUSA in Korea. It was during this tour that Colonel Oswell transferred to the Quartermaster Corps. In September of 1962 Colonel Oswell returned to the US for service at Fort Lee with the Quartermaster School as Chief Basic Course Division and Chief C&S Division. In June of 1965 Colonel Oswell moved to USAREUR for services with the Support Operations Task Force, Europe, U. S. Army Element USEUCOM where he saw service in France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Greece, and Turkey. He returned to Fort Lee in June of 1968 as Commanding Officer of the Quartermaster School Brigade until May of 1969. His duties from June of 1969 until June of 1970 were with J4, Military Assistance Command Vietnam as Chief, Policy and Operations Division, Logistics Advisory Directorate. He returned to Fort Lee in July 1970 and was assigned as Director, Supply Career Department.

Colonel Oswell is a Master Parachutist, a graduate of Airborne School, Jumpmaster School, the Artillery Advance Course, the Associate C&GS officers course, the Special Weapons course, the Senior Officers Counter-Insurgency Course and the Quartermaster Officer Career Course. He also has a certificate for successful completion of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces Correspondence Course, entitled "The Economics of National Security". He was integrated in the Regular Army in 1958. His overseas service has been in Europe, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam.

Colonel Oswell's awards include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, The Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Dutch Order of Wilhelm Orange Lanyard, the Belgian Fourragere, the Republic of Vietnam Army Distinguished Service Order, Second Class and many service decorations.

Colonel Oswell became Commander of the U.S. Army Quartermaster School Brigade at Fort Lee, Virginia soon after returning from a tour of duty in Vietnam in July 1970.