

Colonel William H. Ott (Class 11-64)

Colonel Ott enlisted in the Army in July 1962 and was commissioned a second lieutenant, Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma in November 1964.

His military schooling includes the FA Officer Advance Course, the Command, General Staff College and National War College. Civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science degree from Cameron University and a Master's degree from Central Michigan University.

Colonel Ott's assignments include normal battery and battalion command staff assignments. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam while assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Aviation Brigade and Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. Colonel Ott's most recent assignments since CGSC have been Company Grade Combat Arms Division, FA Branch, USAMILPERCEN (1977-1980).

He served as 210th FA Brigade Operations Officer for three months and 210th FA Brigade Executive Officer for 21 months (1980-1982). In June 1982, Colonel Ott assumed command of the 3rd Battalion, 37th Field Artillery. After command he became Field Artillery Branch Chief, FA Personnel Proponency Office. In January 1987 he became Director, Gunnery Department.

Colonel Ott's awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal w/OLC, Meritorious Service Medal w/2 OLC, Air Medal with the bronze V device and 29 OLC, Army Commendation Medal w/2 OLC.