

### **Colonel Henry Moore Payette Class 54-43**

Colonel Payette was accepted as a volunteer officer candidate in 1942 and entered active duty the same year. In 1943, he was graduated from Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma and was commissioned a second lieutenant, Field Artillery.

He served with the 753rd Field Artillery Battalion, Ninth Army, ETO during World War II as battery executive officer and battery commander. In December 1945 he was relieved from active duty with the rank of captain.

In 1947, he was assigned to the 659th Field Artillery Battalion U.S. Army Reserve, on activation of that organization. He was promoted to major in 1951, and a year later appointed commanding officer of the battalion, which was later redesignated as the 5th Howitzer Battalion, 76th Artillery.

He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 1955. In 1960, he was assigned to the 1035th U.S.A.R. School as director, artillery branch. He then served as operations officer and director of the Command and General Staff course. He was promoted to colonel and appointed commandant of the 1035th U.S.A.R School in April 1965 and held the position until his retirement on May 20, 1970.

Colonel Payette is a graduate of the U.S. Army Artillery Officers Career Course and Command and General Staff College. Decorations he has received include the Bronze Star, American and European Theater Medals, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, and Reserve Service Medal.