



**Colonel
David L. Ridgeway
Class 31A-67**

Colonel Ridgeway was assigned to the 2nd Battalion 2nd Field Artillery at Fort Sill, upon graduation from OCS. He then completed a tour in Vietnam, serving with the 5th Battalion, 42nd Field Artillery as a Forward Observer and later Battery Executive Officer. Returning to the States, he was assigned to the United States Army Training Center at Fort Knox. After being discharged, he returned to college at the University of Tennessee. He was re-appointed and spent three years with the Illinois Army National Guard as Commander of B Battery, 2nd Battalion, 122nd Field Artillery.

He then began a twenty-year career with the 87th Division U.S. Army Reserve in a variety of assignments conducting Brigade and Division Level Command Post Exercises for National Guard and Reserve Units located in the Eastern CONUS Geographical Area, Puerto Rico and Panama. His assignments included Operations and Training Officer, Field Artillery Battalion Control Officer and Administrative and Logistical Controller.

He later served as Deputy Chief, Field Artillery Exercise Group II, in charge of Field Artillery Exercises for Artillery Brigades and Division Artillery organizations. He culminated his career as the Branch Chief, 1st Brigade, 87th Division (Exercise) (EX) where he planned, prepared, conducted and Supervised CPX/FTX /Simulated Computer Assisted Exercises for Infantry, Armor, Artillery and Air Defense Brigades, Division and Corps organizations and coordinated with Active Forces to complete the training objectives. Colonel Ridgeway's decorations include the Bronze Star and the Meritorious Service Medal.