

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH FOR  
ARTILLERY OCS HALL OF FAME  
U.S. ARMY FIELD ARTILLERY MUSEUM  
Fort Sill, Oklahoma 73503

1. NAME John J. Ridgway Jr. DATE 4 June  
ASN 20 FEB 1984  
RANK COL, USA, Retired  
DOR 4 APR 1975  
DOB 26 OCT 1930

2. ADDRESS 11127 West 114<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Overland Park, Ks 66210

3. OCS CLASS NUMBER 38

DATE GRADUATED, COMMISSIONED 13 July 1953

4. PRESENT DUTY ASSIGNMENT/OCCUPATION Retired

ADDRESS Same as 2, above

5. BRIEF RESUME OF DUTY ASSIGNMENTS:

See other side

6. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS: - Order of St Barbara

Legion of Merit, 2 OLC

Brass Star

Meritorious Achievement

Army Commendation

} 1 OLC

Air Medal

Cross of Gallantry

(VN) Silver Star

VN Service 2 Stars

RV Campaign

ASM

NASSM - 1 OLC

KSM

LNSM

Good Conduct Medal

AFEM

OSR

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

COLONEL JOHN J. RIDGWAY, JR.

DATE OF RANK: 4 Apr 75

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 26 Oct 30, Coffeyville, KS

WIFE: Nancy

CHILDREN: 8

EDUCATION: BS - History/Business Management  
MS - Public Administration

PRESENT ASSIGNMENT: Secretary, US Army Field Artillery School, Ft Sill, OK  
6 years Aug 76 to Aug 82. Retired - Mar 83

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

Drafted into Army, March 1952  
FA OCS - July 1953  
National Guard - 1955  
Battery Officer - 8 years  
Bn/DIVARTY/Corps Arty Staff Off - 5 years  
Infantry Officer Advance Course  
Corps Staff Officer - 2 years  
Armed Forces Staff College  
Overseas Tours - 5 (2 to Europe, 3 to Asia)  
Chief of Plans, Enlisted Professional Development (EPD)  
Chief of FA Officer Branch - OPD  
US Army War College

COMMAND:

(2)  
4 Btry's, 105 mm, 4.2M, SGT MSL  
1 Inf Co, 13th Battle Group  
2 Bn's - Ft Sill and Vietnam GS/DS (155SP)

OTHER SCHOOLS:

Airborne School  
CER School  
8" Assy School  
Prefix 5 School  
Missile School  
Air-Ground Opns School

BTRY DUTIES:

AXO  
Recon Off  
XO  
BC

BN DUTIES:

Asst S3  
S3  
XO

OTHER STAFF DUTIES:

FSE Duty Team Chief - V Corp  
G3 Plans, Corps G3 - V Corp  
DIVARTY XO - 7th Divarty Korea  
Division G4 7 Division Korea  
MILPERLEN - EPD E OPD  
FSE Team Chief - 24th Corps - Vietnam  
Secretary - USARFAS