

COLONEL CHARLES E. RIGHTER

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Colonel Righter served in combat with the 36th Field Artillery Regiment for 769 days in the European Theatre of Operations during World War II. He held a wide variety of positions within the Regiment including Reconnaissance Officer, Forward Observer, Aerial Intelligence Officer, Battery Executive Officer and Battalion Motor Officer. He also completed liaison pilot flight training in Mascara, North Africa.

After the War Colonel Righter returned to the States and held various key positions in the U.S. Army Reserve. He attended the University of Denver and later served as Art Director of Fort Sill Training and Visual Aids. He then earned a Masters Degree from Illinois Institute of Technology.

Colonel Righter was branch transferred to Ordnance while serving as Commander of the 489th Strategic Intelligence Detachment at the Pentagon.

He attended the Ordnance Advance Course and Command and General Staff College. He was then assigned to the 6220th United States Army Reserve School Los Angeles, California and served as an Instructor at the C&GS and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

From 1975 until his retirement in 1980 Colonel Righter served as the Mobilization Designee to Aviation Systems Command, St. Louis, Missouri.

Colonel Righter's decorations include the Bronze Star Medal and the Air Medal.