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COLONEL GEORGE ROGERS, ARTILLERY, 253 09 4096

Colonel Rogers is currently the Commanding Officer and Director of the U. S. Army Aeronautical Services Office, a Class II activity under the Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the Army, and located at Cameron Station, Alexandria, Virginia.

Colonel Rogers was born at Haylow, Georgia, on 20 May 1917, and spent his younger life in Florida and South Carolina. Drafted for military service in March of 1941, he received his basic training at the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and served as a cannoneer, a gunner, an instrument operator, and a surveyor in the enlisted ranks in Battery "B," 191st Field Artillery Battalion at Camp Forrest, Tennessee and Camp Roberts, California prior to attending Officer Candidate School in 1942.

Graduating with OCS Class No. 36 in November 1942, 2LT Rogers was assigned to the Artillery Training Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was later accepted for Field Artillery Liaison Pilot Training and, upon completing this course in the fall of 1943, he served both stateside and in

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the European Theater as a Liaison Pilot in the 741st Field Artillery Battalion (Eight Inch Howitzers) until the end of World War II. Between World War II and the beginning of the Korean Conflict, he served as an instructor at the Artillery School; as a Battery Officer, Assistant S-3, and S-3 of the 969th Field Artillery Battalion; and as the Commanding Officer of a composite Service Company, Philippine Scouts on Luzon.

Colonel Rogers was assigned to the 52d Field Artillery Battalion on the Island of Kyushu, Japan at the outbreak of the Korean conflict. This Battalion was a member of the 21st Regimental Combat Team of the 24th Infantry Division, the first element of the U. S. Forces to engage the North Koreans, and Colonel Rogers flew the first combat sortie in support of the artillery of that war.

Subsequent to the Korean War, Colonel Rogers served consecutively as the Deputy Aviation Officer, 171st FA Group, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Staff Officer, Headquarters Seventh U. S. Army and Headquarters Fifth U. S. Army Corps, Europe; Student, Command and General Staff College; Department Director, the Aviation School, Fort Rucker, Alabama; and Student, U. S. Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia.

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Colonel Rogers was assigned to the General Staff, Department of the Army, during the period 1960 through 1964. He served two years with the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations and two years with the Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development in the Office of the Director of Army Aviation.

Returning to Korea in 1964, Colonel Rogers commanded the First Battalion, Thirty First Artillery, "Honest John," Seventh Infantry Division. Subsequent to this overseas assignment, he served as G-3, US Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, Alabama; Executive Officer, US Army Aviation School, Fort Stewart, Georgia; and as Secretary, Aviation School, Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Georgia, prior to his current assignment.

Colonel Rogers participated in ten major military campaigns during World War II and the Korean War. He flew approximately seven hundred combat hours in support of the Infantry and Artillery. He was awarded the Air Medal with sixteen Oak Leaf Clusters; the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters; the Army Commendation Medal; and the Legion of Merit. His units received the U. S. and Korean Presidential Unit Citations. He is a Master Army Aviator, qualified in both Fixed and Rotary Wing Aircraft, with over four thousand flight hours of experience.