

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

1. NAME WILLIAM Y. ROSE DATE 1 February 1982

RANK Major (Retired)
Retired 1 August 1962

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DOB 9 Dec 1917

ADDRESS 4401 N Everest, Oklahoma City, OK 73111

3. OCS CLASS NUMBER 9

DATE GRADUATED/COMMISSIONED April 22, 1942

4. PRESENT DUTY ASSIGNMENT/OCCUPATION Retired Director, Oklahoma Human Rights Commission

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5. BRIEF RESUME OF DUTY ASSIGNMENTS:

WW II - 92d Inf Div Arty Italy 597 FA Bn 1944 -1945

Army of Occupation - Germany 1946 -1949

Korean War - X Corps Arty 196 FA Bn 1952 -1953

Gunnery Dept FA School 1955 - 1957

USMTM Saudi Arabia 1959 -1960

6. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS: Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, KPUC, Naval Unit Commendation

Appropriate Campaign and Service Medals

GENERAL REMARKS:

Signature



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Human Rights Agency Director Rose to Retire

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — William Y. Rose, director of the state Human Rights Commission since its creation in 1963, said Wednesday he will retire on July 31.

The Human Rights Commission was created by the Legislature in 1963 at the urging of the state's first Republican governor, Henry Bellmon, and Rose, a former Army artillery major, was chosen to head the new agency.

He remained on the job under five governors — Republican Dewey Bartlett and Democrats David Hall, David Boren and George Nigh.

The commission was given a directive when it was created to to "work toward removing friction, eliminate discrimination and promote unity and understanding among all the people of Oklahoma."

In 1968, it was assigned to adminis-

ter a new law prohibiting discrimination in employment and access to public accommodations.

The commission also is the state agency which investigates complaints alleging discriminatory practices.

"There unquestionably has been some progress in these areas," Rose said, "but there is still much to be done."

Rose, 63, said he has not decided what he will do after he retires, "but I am considering several things and I plan to remain active."

Rose served as an artillery officer in Italy in World War II and was recalled to active duty during the Korean War.

Rose, a native of Chicago, has lived in Oklahoma most of his adult life and said he plans to remain here.