

## **COL Donald J. Spittler - Artillery OCS Class 37-42**

Colonel Spittler enlisted as a private in the 106th Field Artillery on October 15, 1940. He returned from Hawaii in August 1942 to attend the Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Upon graduation in November, he was assigned to the 99th Infantry Division as a second lieutenant.

In December 1942, he was detailed to Fort Sill where he successfully completed the Officer's Motor Transport Course. As a Battery Commander in the 99th, he saw action in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns, and was awarded the Bronze Star for outstanding service during the Battle of the Bulge.

After the war, Colonel Spittler remained in the Army Reserve where he successfully completed the Artillery Officer's Career Course at Fort Sill, the Logistics Executive Development Course at Fort Lee, Virginia and was graduated from the US Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He was promoted to full colonel on March 31, 1969 and retired from the reserve on June 27, 1975.