

Colonel Joseph L. Strelecki - Artillery OCS Class 151-45

Colonel Strelecki enlisted in the US Army Air Corps on December 17, 1943 and served as a B-24 Flight Engineer during World War II.

He graduated from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School on June 15, 1945.

After a tour of duty in Germany, he served with the 3rd Infantry Division both in the U.S. and Korea, where he participated in four campaigns during the Korean Conflict.

Colonel Strelecki was an instructor in the Communications Department of the Artillery School. From 1955 to 1958 he served as a battalion S-3 of a Field Artillery Battalion, and a Battery Commander of both a 155mm Howitzer Battery and an Honest John Battery. He was the Senior Artillery Advisor to the 1st Republic of Korea Army, which had over 100 Battalions of Artillery.

From 1964 to 1966, he commanded a Direct Support Battalion in the 1st Armored Division and served as the Commander of the United States Army Training Center at Fort Sill. His staff assignments include the Department of Army Staff in International and Civil Affairs, and the Plans and Policy Directorate of the Joint Chief of Staff.

He is a graduate of the Field Artillery Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College. Among his awards and decorations are the Bronze Star and Meritorious Service Medal.