



**COLONEL (USAF)  
KENNETH D. TRICINELLA**

**CLASS 9-69**

Colonel Trincella's initial assignment was as a Forward Observer and Aerial Observer with 4th Battalion, 31st Artillery, 196th Light Infantry Brigade. He later served as a Battery Executive Officer, Battery Commander and S-3, 1st ATC Brigade, Fort Sill.

He then served in a variety of Reserve assignments with the 95th Infantry Division, Oklahoma City to include instructor at the Field Artillery Advanced Course at Fort Sill. He also served as an Instructor with the 4155th and 4156th Army Reserve Schools in Oklahoma, before transferring to the Air Force (Oklahoma Air National Guard) as a Dental Corps Officer.

While serving as a Dentist with the 138th Tactical Fighter Group, he deployed to various Air Force bases in the continental United States and abroad. He was activated for three months in 1991 to serve as a "Backfill" Dentist and Commander of Tinker Air Force Base Hospital. His career culminated as the Commander of the 138th Tactical Fighter Group Hospital, Tulsa Oklahoma.

Colonel Tricinella's decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star (with V-Device), the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (with three Oak-Leaf Clusters) and the Air Force Commendation Medal.