

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

COLONEL THOMAS P. TYSDAL

Thomas P. Tysdal was a commissioned a second lieutenant of field artillery in the South Dakota Army National Guard upon graduation from the US Army Artillery Officer Candidate School on 21 September 1961. He entered active duty on 10 December 1962 and his initial assignment was to the 2d Battalion 13th Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he served as a battery executive officer, fire direction officer, battery commander, and battalion S-3.

Following his tour at Fort Sill, Colonel Tysdal was assigned to a Warhead Detachment in USAREUR where he was a platoon commander and detachment commander. In Vietnam he served as battery commander, S-4, and assistant S-3 with the direct support artillery battalion of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade; DISCOM S-3 with the 1st Cavalry Division and Division Artillery S-3 in the Americal (23d) Division.

Upon his return from Vietnam, Colonel Tysdal was a Survey Division Chief in the Target Acquisition Department, US Army Field Artillery School, and a Field Artillery Branch Team Chief in the US Army Readiness Group, Fort Sill. He was stationed in the Netherlands where he served as the Combat Arms Support Division, Chief for the Allied Forces Central Europe Reserve Corps.

He has commanded Service Battery, 2d Battalion, 13 Field Artillery, Fort Sill, OK, 5th Missile Detachment, Germany, and B Battery, 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery, and 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery in Schweinfurt, Germany.

He is assigned to Fort Sill and his assignments include Chief of Individual Training, Directorate of Training Development; Deputy Director and Director of Training and Doctrine; and is presently the Director of Evaluation and Standardization.

Attendance at civilian and military schools include Black Hills State College; Cameron University; Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts, Oklahoma University; Honest John and 8-Inch Nuclear Assembly Schools; the Field Artillery Officer Candidate Course; the Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course; and the Command and General Staff College.

Colonel Tysdal holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts, and a Master of Arts degree in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma.

His decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal with the numeral 5, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart, Vietnamese Honor Medal First Class, and Army Achievement Medal.