



**COLONEL
SHERMAN L. VINYARD**

CLASS 12-65

Colonel Vinyard's initial assignment after Officer Candidate School was a Firing Battery Office and Battery Commander with the 1st Battalion 6th Artillery, 1st Armored Division, Fort Hood Texas. He then served a tour in Vietnam with the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, with Task Force Bravo where he served as a Fire Direction Officer and Battery Executive in support of MACV and later Marine operations in I Corps.

He returned to Fort Sill as Assistant Operations Officer with 4th Battalion, 28th Artillery in the 1st Student Training Brigade. He then joined the 49th Armored Division of the Texas National Guard where he served in a variety of assignments with the 133rd Field Artillery to include, Battery Commander, Operations Officer and Battalion Executive Officer. He later commanded the 4th Battalion, 133rd Field Artillery and served as the 49th Armored Division Assistant Division Fire Support Coordinator.

Service as a Senior Auditor with the Department of Defense, Office of the Inspector General, Arlington, Virginia was followed by four years as Commander of the 420th Individual Mobilization Augmentation Detachment 90th Reserve Division.

Colonel Vinyard's decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak-Leaf Cluster).