

Colonel Thomas E. Wesson (Class 63-43)

Colonel Wesson was born on December 7, 1918 in Oenaville, Texas.

While attending Texas A&M College, he was a member of the 1939 National Champion football team. Wesson graduated in 1943 from Texas A&M and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery after graduating from Field Artillery Officer Candidate School on May 6, 1943.

During World War II he served in Europe and in the Philippines and Japan during the Occupation. He attended the Field Artillery Advanced Course and served on the Staff and Faculty at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Following a short period at Fort Hood, he was assigned to the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Saudi Arabia. He attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas following a tour of duty at Fort Hood.

After a duty assignment at the Pentagon, he attended the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia. He commanded the 1st Battalion, 80th Artillery in Italy, then graduated from the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. He completed graduate studies at George Washington University prior to an assignment at the Pentagon. Colonel Wesson commanded the 72nd Field Artillery Group in Germany, then served a tour of duty in Vietnam with the MACV Headquarters. Colonel Wesson commanded the 13th Support Brigade from 1971-1973, during his final assignment at Fort Hood.

Colonel Wesson's military decorations included the Legion of Merit with 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star, Joint Service Commendation with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Army Commendation Medal with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster.