

COLONEL WOODROW W. WILTSE

Woodrow W. Wiltse was born in Saginaw, Michigan, 28 January 1918. He graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree (Police Administration) in 1943. His military career began 13 March 1943, as a Private while he was still in the ROTC program. He attended Officer's Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant of Field Artillery on 9 December 1943. His first assignment was at Camp Phillips, Kansas, with the 310th Field Artillery Battalion, 79th Infantry Division. He went overseas with the 79th Infantry Division and stayed with the Division participating in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe and the Ardennes - Alsace Campaigns.

In December of 1945, he was released from active duty and made his home in Dearborn, Michigan. From 1945 till 1950 he was active in the Michigan National Guard until he was recalled to active duty in January 1951.

During the period January 1951 - January 1952, at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, he fulfilled various battalion command and staff positions in the 979th Field Artillery and 235th Field Artillery Observation Battalions. He also served as Executive Officer of the 130th Field Artillery Group. In January, 1952, he departed CONUS for Europe with the 979th Field Artillery Battalion which was attached to the 18th Field Artillery Group where he subsequently served as S-3 and Executive Officer. He remained with the organization until November 1954 when he returned to CONUS to attend the Associate Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas while enroute to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. At Fort Sill he served as instructor in the Department of Tactics and Combined Arms until January 1958.

In February 1958, Colonel Wiltse attended the Strategic Intelligence School, Washington, D. C. which was followed by attendance at the Army Language School where he studied French in preparation for his next assignment as Senior Assistant Army Attache in Saigon, Vietnam, where he served from January 1959 to December 1960. He returned to CONUS and was assigned to Army General Staff with duty with Office, Chief Research and Development. Here he performed duties as a staff officer and branch chief in the Policy Division under the Director of Plans and Programs. He served in this capacity until January 1964 when he was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea. While in Korea he was Executive Officer of the 1st Cavalry Division Artillery.

In April 1965, Colonel Wiltse was assigned to the University of Oklahoma as Professor of Military Science.

Personal Data

Born: 28 January 1918, Saginaw, Michigan

Father: Wendell J. Wiltse (Deceased)

Mother: Mabel Wiltse (Deceased)

Married: Jeannette E. Elliott, 29 August 1942 at Dearborn, Michigan

Children: Elliott W. Wiltse born 19 September 1947
Christopher A. Wiltse born 24 November 1950

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Education

Michigan State University, East Lansing Michigan	1943 (BS)
Officer Candidate School #90	1943
Associate Command & General Staff College	1955
Strategic Intelligence School	1958
Army Language School	1958

Chronological List of Promotions

<u>Rank</u>	<u>USAR</u>	<u>NGUS</u>	<u>TEMP AUS</u>	<u>PERM. (RA)</u>
2d Lieutenant	9 Dec 43		9 Dec 43	
1st Lieutenant			12 Sep 44	
Captain	23 Dec 45	11 Dec 46	23 Dec 45	28 Jan 52
Major		2 Jan 51	10 Jan 51	28 Jan 59
Lt. Col.			27 Aug 58	
Colonel			23 Jul 65	

List of Citations and Decorations

Silver Star

Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters

Army Commendation Medal

Purple Heart

Croix de Guerre

Presidential Unit Citation

Service Medal

American Campaign

European African Middle East Campaign

World War II Victory Campaign

World War II Occupation

National Defense

Armed Forces Reserve

Armed Forces Expeditionary

Badges

General Staff Identification Badge

Personal Background Material

Colonel Wiltse is interested in sports as a moral and health builder.