



BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES T. BONSCALL **US Army, Retired**

NDR Hall of Fame Induction: 23 April 2022
NSU Hall of Fame, the Long Purple Line: 2010

Brigadier General Bonsall was born in Beaumont, Texas. He served with the 4th Army Air Corps at the rank of Sergeant from 1947-1949. Upon graduation from Northwestern State College with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Artillery.

In 1953, during his initial assignment, he served as an Instructor and Battery Officer, Fort Bliss, TX. He then assumed company command, followed by serving as the Regimental S3, Committee Director, and Brigade S3. Upon promotion to Lieutenant Colonel, he was assigned as the Brigade Executive Officer, then Battalion Commander, 3rd Battalion 379th Regiment, 95th Division (Training). He later commanded the 4th Brigade, 95th Division, Bossier City, LA, prior to serving as the Assistant Division Commander, 95th Division (Training), Midwest City, OK. In August 1978, he served as Chief, Combat Exercises, 75th Maneuver Area Command, Houston, TX, until his retirement.

Brigadier General Bonsall's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Louisiana Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Reserve Forces Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Forces Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

He is a graduate of the Field Artillery Basic and Advanced Courses, the Command and General Staff College, the US Army War College, and the Senior Reserve Component Officer's Course. He holds a Master of Arts in Educational Administration from the University of Arkansas.

Brigadier General Bonsall and his wife, the former Kathlyn Dawkins, have three children, Pamela, James Robert, and Ronald.