

# Mr. Charles E. Finn

Year of Commission: 1955

BS in Marketing



Mr. Charles Finn commissioned into the U.S. Army Reserve in 1955 after graduating from the University of Illinois in July 1956. He served on active duty at Fort Bliss, TX as the head training officer, Battery Executive Officer, and the Battalion S-4 of an Advanced Antiaircraft Battalion. He returned to Illinois when he left active duty in 1958 and served in a Combat Support Company until he ended his military career in 1963. Afterwards, Charles Finn enjoyed a long career in the furniture industry. He started in the family business of Finn Furniture and later was a sales manager, account manager, Vice President, and General Manager for Kroehler Furniture Company. In 1982, Mr. Finn accepted the Vice President position at Flexsteel Industries before becoming a partner of the Professional Furniture Marketing Corporation until he retired in 2009. Mr. Finn was a strong supporter of the University of Illinois, being members of the President's Council of the U of I Foundation, the Business Activity Council, and the Chairman of the College of Business. He was the historian and later playwright of "The Galloping Ghost," a life story of Red Grange.

Year Inducted: 2019