Colorado Confederate Colonels
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Frank Stanly Armistead
(1835 - 1889*)
Colonel, 1st North Carolina Junior Reserve Brigade – CSA

Note: he was a 1st Lieutenant of Company C, 10th Infantry Regiment - USA stationed at Fort Wise, Colorado Territory (March 1861 to June 1861); on June 14, 1861, he resigned and returned to his home state of Virginia, whereupon he offered his services to the CSA; on June 26, 1861, he was commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant in the Artillery Corps - CSA; on April 11, 1863, he was promoted to Lt. Colonel and on July 16, 1864, he was promoted to Colonel.

Additional Note: was a graduate of West Point (Class of 1856) and was the younger brother of General Lewis A. Armistead.

Arthur Sinclair Cunningham
(1835 - 1885*)
Lt. Colonel & Assistant Adjutant General, Army of Northern Virginia - CSA

Note: he was 1st Lieutenant, Company A, 10th Infantry Regiment - USA stationed at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory (May 1861 to June 1861); on June 25, 1861, he resigned and returned to his home state of Virginia, whereupon he offered his services to the CSA; on July 19, 1861, he was commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant in the Artillery Corps - CSA; on September 12, 1861, he was promoted to Captain; on November 16, 1861, he was promoted to Major; and, on June 12, 1862, he was promoted to Lt. Colonel.

Additional Note: he was a graduate of West point (Class of 1856).
William Davie DeSaussure

(1819 - 1863*)

Colonel, 15th South Carolina Infantry Regiment - CSA

Note: he was Captain, Company F, 1st Cavalry Regiment - USA stationed at Fort Wise, Colorado Territory (September 1860 to March 1861); on March 1, 1861, he resigned and returned to his home state of South Carolina, whereupon he offered his services to the CSA; on July 19, 1861, he was commissioned as a Captain in the Cavalry Corps - CSA; and, on September 9, 1861, he was promoted to Colonel and appointed the commander of the newly organized 15th South Carolina Infantry Regiment.

Additional Note: on July 2, 1863 he was KIA during the Battle of Gettysburg.

James H. Hill

(1834 - 1890*)

Major & Assistant Adjutant General
District of Wilmington, North Carolina (Gen. W. H. C. Whiting’s Staff) - CSA

Note: he was 1st Lieutenant, Company A, 10th Infantry Regiment - USA stationed at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory (February 1861 to May 1861); on May 1, 1861, he resigned and returned to his home state of South Carolina whereupon he offered his services to the CSA; on June 26, 1861, he was commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant in the Artillery Corps - CSA; and, on October 2, 1862, he was promoted to Major.

Additional Note: the position of A. A. G. was normally held by an officer with the rank of Colonel or Lt. Colonel (subsequently, at minimum, he should be considered an “acting” or “brevet” Colonel as per military protocol) and he was a West Point Graduate (Class of 1855).

William Kearny

(1833 - 1893*)

Colonel & Acting Inspector General,
Western Sub-District of Texas (General McGruder’s Staff) - CSA

Note: he was 1st Lieutenant, Company F, 10th Infantry Regiment - USA stationed at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory (July 1860 to June 1861); on June 1, 1861, he resigned and returned to his home state of Missouri whereupon he offered his services to the CSA; on September 4, 1861, he was commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant in the Infantry Corps - CSA; on December 28, 1863, he was promoted to Major; and, on September 11, 1864, he was promoted to Colonel.
Richard Henry Riddick
(1810 - 1862*)

Colonel, 34th North Carolina Infantry Regiment - CSA

Note: he was 1st Lieutenant, Company H, 1st Cavalry Regiment - USA, stationed at Fort Wise, Colorado Territory (April 1861 to May 1861); on May 9, 1861, he resigned and returned to his home state of North Carolina, whereupon he offered his services to the CSA; on May 18, 1861, he was commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant in the Cavalry Corps - CSA; on September 2, 1861, he was promoted to Major; on September 16, 1861, he was promoted to Lt. Colonel; and, on April 2, 1862, he was appointed the commander of the 34th North Carolina Infantry Regiment.

Additional Note: on September 11, 1862, he died of wounds received on September 1, 1862, during the Battle of Ox Hill.

* Note: Did not die in Colorado or was not interred in Colorado.