

**MG John Blatsos 34-42**

Major General John Blatsos began his military career by enlisting as a private in the N.H. National Guard on June 19, 1939. In 1941 his National Guard unit was inducted into Federal Service, and he was shipped to Camp Blanding, Florida. He applied for Officer Candidate School and was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he graduated with the rank of second Lieutenant on October 15, 1942.

Between the years 1942 to 1946 he served with various army units and saw overseas duty in the European Theatre of Operations. In March of 1946, he was released from active duty and was assigned to the U.S. Army Reserve. He was reappointed in the N.H. Army National Guard in September of 1948 as Battery Commander of the 172nd F. A. Battalion.

Between the years 1948 to 1971 he served the National Guard with distinction and subsequently he was promoted to Brigadier General on March 12, 1971 and on May 7, 1975 he was appointed the Adjutant General of New Hampshire. He served as the military chief of staff for three New Hampshire governors including Meldrim Thomson, Hugh Gallen and John Sununu.

John Blatsos was promoted to COL on March 15, 1965 – three years before the Artillery OCS Hall of Fame opened.

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 National Guard > 1966

**BLATSOS, John NH 01171460 B-NH 20 Jan 19 BSM Grad FA**  
**Sch Off Adv Crse 44 C&GSC Assoc Off Crse 61 Enl 19 June 39**  
**to 23 Feb 41 (F-24 Feb 41 to 14 Oct 42 2 lt FA 15 Oct 42 to**  
**capt AUS 2 Mar 46) (AUS inact status capt FA 3 Mar 46 to 20**  
**Mar 46) (ORC FA capt 21 Mar 46 maj 2 Dec 46 to 18 Jan 49)**  
**capt FA 29 Sep 48 col Arty 15 Mar 65**

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BLASKOVITZ JOSEPH J JR	CW2		DE	7	9	30	1	8	75	22	3	53	5	7	09
BLASQUEZ JESUS E	2LT	IN	FL	14	4	53	21	7	74	11	12	71	4	8	09
BLASS GEORGE A	1LT	IN	MI	7	8	42	1	10	69	9	1	66	8	7	07
BLATSOS JOHN	M G	AG	NH	20	1	19	18	9	75	19	6	39	2	7	5A
BLATT WILLIAM J	CW2		NB	4	8	37	15	11	72	16	1	56	5	6	09
BLATTNER CHARLES F	LTC	EN	MO	20	11	31	5	12	73	21	4	49	4	7	6A

