

## **BG John W. Carlson - Artillery OCS Class NG 1-54**

Brigadier General John W. Carlson was born in Braintree, Massachusetts where he was a lifelong resident. He was a graduate of Braintree High School and graduated from Prescott School of Broadcasting. Later in life he graduated from Curry College in Milton, where he earned a B.A. in communications and election to the Alexander Graham Bell Honor Society. He also was a professor at the college for 10 years.

General Carlson joined the National Guard in 1950 rising to the rank of sergeant as gun section chief and trainer before being chosen for Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Ft. Sill, Okla., where he graduated in 1954. He commanded both artillery and engineering units in over 16 years in command berths and served as a staff officer at division level and above.

He served as public affairs chief and chief of staff of the Massachusetts area command H.Q. In 1985 he was selected as Assistant Adjutant General. He also received the US Senate Confirmation as a General Officer in 1986. He retired in December 1993 after nearly 43 years of serving the state and nation.

General Carlson was a columnist for Gatehouse Media, writing General View. He was active in the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company at Boston's Faneuil Hall. He toured Europe and Africa extensively studying at battlefields of Great Captains of History and was often sought as a speaker on past military figures. The General has written and narrated films, historical videos, and slide shows.

He also made 8 appearances as a narrator with the famed Boston Pops Orchestra at Symphony Hall. In civilian life, he had an award winning broadcasting career. As sports director for CBS Radio, Boston, he wrote and aired news and commentary and was Voice of the New England Patriots and the Minnesota Vikings. He televised play-by-play of NHL, WHA, and NCAA hockey games, NBA and NCAA basketball, NCAA football and professional boxing.