

CARMICHAEL, LESSTON N
BRIGADIER GENERAL USAR

DOR: 4 August 1972 - BG
1976 - MG

Born: 19 May 1922

Home Address: 303 Sunset Drive
Columbus IN 47201

Current Military Assignment: Deputy Commanding General
123d USAR Command
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Indianapolis, IN 46202

General Carmichael enlisted in the Enlisted Reserve Corps 22 July 1942, while attending Purdue University; and entered on active duty 18 March 1943, at Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN, with basic training at Fort Bragg, NC, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery at Fort Sill, OKla, 15 July 1944. (OCS Class 116)

He served in the Southwest Pacific during World War II. His assignments included Assistant Battery Executive Officer with Battery C, 769th FA Battalion and later as an Air Courier for Armed Forces Southwest Pacific, with duty in New Guinea, Phillipines, Okinawa, and Japan.

Returning to the States as a First Lieutenant, he returned to Purdue University to complete his Senior year.

From 1949 through 1951, General Carmichael served in various reserve units as battery commander, supply officer, etc until joining the 442 FA Group Headquarters where he served as battery commander, adjutant, and training officer until 1959. In May 1959, he was assigned Executive Officer of the First Battalion, 70th Regiment, 70th Division (Tng). Further assignments included Battalion Commander, Assistant Chief of Staff G-2 and Brigade Commander 4th Brigade (CST) 70th Division until 26 November 1971, when he was assigned Deputy Commanding General 123d USAR Command, Indianapolis, IN.

He served as the Deputy Commander of the 123rd USAR Command until 1976 when he was promoted to Major General. He was Commanding General of the 123rd USAR Command until retiring in 1981.

Carmichael Retiring From Army

Leston N. Carmichael, chairman of the science department at Columbus East High School, will be honored at a ceremony marking his retirement as commander of the 123rd U.S. Army Reserve Command at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the McGee Army Reserve Center at Ft. Benjamin Harrison.

Carmichael, who holds the rank of major general in the Army Reserve, will end his nearly 39-year association with the army on June 1 when he passes command of the 123rd ARCOM to Brig. Gen. Donald A. Pearson.

Carmichael assumed full command of the ARCOM in June of 1976 after serving as deputy commander for four years. The ARCOM includes nearly 7,500 Army Reserve members in about 80 units throughout Indiana and Michigan.



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Carmichael was commissioned a second lieutenant of artillery after completing Officers Candidate School at Ft. Sill, Okla., in 1944. His first assignment was serving as assistant executive officer with Battery C, 769th Field Artillery Battalion. Following World War II, Carmichael

remained active with the reserve and returned to the 796th's Battery C in May, 1949, as commanding officer. Prior to his duty with the 123rd ARCOM, he served in various positions in the 70th Division.

Carmichael is a member of the Association of the U.S. Army, served as vice president of the Army Reserve Commanders Association and is past president and member of the Indianapolis Veteran's Day Council.

Decorations awarded Carmichael include the Meritorious Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Occupation Medal, Philippine Theater Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Theater Medal, World War II Victory

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Medal, Armed Forces Reserve and Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal.

A Brown County native, he received bachelor's and master's degrees from Purdue University and was graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1966 and the Army War College in 1970.

In community activities, Carmichael has served nine years on the Columbus Utilities Service Board, is a 12-year member of Kiwanis International and a mem-

ber of the First United Methodist Church. He also is a life member of the Reserve Officers Association and is active in Chapter Four Activities.

As chairman of the science department at East, Carmichael is involved with curriculum planning and budgeting, and is responsible for staff selection, supervision and evaluation.

He and his wife, Virginia, reside at 303 Sunset, and have two daughters, Sheryl Carmichael and Sue Walters. Carmichael's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Estel Carmichael, reside on Freetown route 1.