

MAJOR GENERAL HENRY H. COBB, JR.

**The Adjutant General
Commander, Troop Command
Alabama Army National Guard**

General Cobb entered the Army on 13 May 1943 after completing four years of ROTC at Princeton University. He attended Field Artillery Officer Candidate School and graduated in May 1943. He later completed the Field Artillery Battery Executive Officers Course. He then served in the 790th Field Artillery Battalion as Battery Officer and Assistant Battery Executive Officer. He was shipped overseas to the European Theater of Operations. He was assigned to Battery B, 42d Field Artillery Battalion, 4th Infantry Division on 4 November 1944 with duty as a Forward Observer. He was wounded in action in Germany on 24 November 1944. He returned to duty and was assigned as a Battery Executive Officer on 7 January 1945. He was released from active duty on 12 October 1945 and assigned to the Officers Reserve Corps.

General Cobb was appointed a captain, Infantry in the Alabama Army National Guard on 1 November 1946. He was assigned as Headquarters Company Commander, 31st Infantry Division. He held a variety of assignments in the Division Headquarters including Commanding Officer of Special Troops, Air Ground Liaison Officer, G-3 Air. He was promoted to major on 12 October 1948. He continued as G-3 Air on the 31st Division Staff until their mobilization in January 1951 for the Korean Conflict. He served with the 31st Infantry (Dixie) Division on active duty at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and Eighth Army Headquarters during the period prior to his separation on 16 October 1952. Following the release of the Division from active duty, he was assigned as Assistant Chief of Staff G-2 in the 31st Infantry (Dixie) Division. He continued in this position until 2 May 1959 when the Special Forces were allocated to this state. He was assigned to command the 116th Special Forces Operational Detachment which was later to become the 20th Special Forces

Commander, 30th Armored Division on 2 December 1971. He was promoted and federally recognized as brigadier general on 28 February 1973. General Cobb was named Commander of the 31st Armored Brigade on 1 November 1973, and as Commanding General, Troop Command 10 June 1975. He was promoted to and federally recognized as a major general on 6 February 1976. On 16 January 1979, he was appointed the adjutant general of Alabama.

Decorations and Awards: Distinguished Service Cross; Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Presidential Unit Citation; American Campaign Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal; World War II Victory Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Korean Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Hourglass; Combat Infantryman Badge; Master Parachutist Badge; Belgian Fourragere.

Civic Affiliations: National Guard Association of the United States.

Civilian Occupation: Insurance Sales Executive, New York Life Insurance and Partner, Cobb-Kirkland Motor Company.

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Born: Birmingham, Alabama, 8 October
1920

Schools: BA, Princeton University, 1943;
Field Artillery Officer Candidate School,
1943; Command and General Staff College,
Division Refresher Courses, 1949-50, 1953-58,
1972; Infantry Officer Associate Advanced
Course, 1950; Air Ground Operations School,
1951; Senior Officer Nuclear Weapons Em-
ployment Course, 1958; Infantry Airborne
Course, 1959; Infantry Airborne Jumpmaster
Course, 1960; Senior Officer Special Weap-
ons Orientation, 1967; Special Forces Officer
Refresher Course, 1968, 1970, 1971;
Armor Field Grade Officer Refresher
Course, 1972

