

BRIGADIER GENERAL MIKE P. COKINOS

General Mike P. Cokinos, Silver Star and Purple Heart holder, is the Deputy Commanding General of the 90<sup>th</sup> Army Reserve Command (ARCOM).

After graduating from Texas A. & M. College in 1943, with a B.S. Degree in Science, he entered active Military Service at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

His first assignment was with the 8<sup>th</sup> Armored Division as a Forward Observer with the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Bn. during the Battle of the Bulge in Germany. General Cokinos participated in the following major engagements - Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. On occupation duty in Austria, he commanded the Hq. Btry. of the 324<sup>th</sup> Bn., 83rd Division. His primary duty was to Supervise and Control 100,000 Displaced Persons in the Cumberland Area, Austria.

Following his release from active duty in July 1946, General Cokinos entered the Insurance, Real Estate and Construction business in Beaumont, Texas. He is now Co-Owner of Cokinos Insurance Agency and President of J & J Construction Company. He is active in Civic work by being a former Lt. Governor of Kiwanis International, Past President of the Y.M.C.A., Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and Past President of the St. George Greek Orthodox Church.

In 1947 General Cokinos organized Company "H", 143d Inf. Regt. He joined the 90<sup>th</sup> Inf. Division in 1956 as Bn. Commander of the 17<sup>th</sup> Artillery Bn. He held this command until 1964, when he assumed Command of the 2d Brigade, 90<sup>th</sup> Inf. Division. Upon deactivation of the 90<sup>th</sup> Inf. Division, General Cokinos was appointed Chief of the Plans Division, 75<sup>th</sup> Manuever Area Command.

General Cokinos graduated in the first Non-Resident U.S. Army War College course in 1970.

He also is a graduate of the Resident Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kas. in 1961. He has completed the Communist Strategy Course, Washington, D.C. He attended the Special Warfare Course at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. Until its deactivation in 1971, he was the Commanding General of the 156<sup>th</sup> QM Command (Petroleum Intersectional), Albuquerque, New Mexico.

On June 1952, he married Katherine A. Pontikes of Houston, Texas. They have seven (7) children, Maria M., age 19; Michael E., age 18; Paige M., age 17; Gregory M., age 16; Elyse Michelle, age 13; Kevin M., age 11; and Christopher, age 7 years.

List of citation and decoration include the Silver Star, Purple Heart, WW2-European Theater with 3 Battle Stars, Occupational Medal (Germany) and the American Defense.