

BIOGRAPHY

MAJOR GENERAL MERRILL B. EVANS

U. S. ARMY

Major General Merrill B. Evans was born in Chillicothe, Ohio on 16 June 1922. He began his military career in 1939 with the CMTC at Fort Bnejamin Harrison, Indiana. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve as a Private in 1942 and entered active duty in April 1943. He attended A. S. T. P. at Ohio State in 1943 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School in 1944. He then was detailed to the Infantry and graduated from the Officers Special Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia.

During World War II he served as Infantry Platoon Leader and Assistant Battalion S-3 with the Infantry. In the Pacific Theater of Operations, he was Battery Commander in the 123d Field Artillery Battalion and was Battery Commander and Assistant Training Officer with the 52d Field Artillery Battalion. He was released from active duty in late 1946.

In reserve status he has had duty with the 886th Field Atillery Group, 614th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion and as Executive Officer and Commander of the 579th Field Artillery Battalion. In 1958 he was named Fire Support Coordinator for the 103d Infantry Division Artillery and later served as Division Artillery Executive Officer.

In 1963, he was Chief of Staff of the 103d Operational Headquarters and the 103d Command Headquarters (Div); then as Deputy Commander of the 103d Support Brigade in January 1966. He was named Commanding General of the 103d Support Brigade in February 1967.

On 1 October 1971 he entered his present assignment as Commanding General of the 88th US Army Reserve Command and was promoted to Major General on 4 August 1972.

PERSONAL DATA

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| Born: | 16 June 1922, Chillicothe, Ohio |
| Father: | Leon M. Evans (Deceased) |
| Mother: | Florence M. Evans (Deceased) |
| Wife: | Rowena J. Evans |
| Children: | 4 Sons - James, David, Michael, Daniel |
| Home Address: | 1102 18th Street West Des Moines, Iowa 50265 |

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

Vice President, Marketing Research and Personnel, Affiliated Companies of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, Des Moines, Iowa.

EDUCATION

CIVILIAN

BSC - Ohio State University - 1940-43, 1946-47
MSC - Ohio State University - 1947-48
PHD - Ohio State University - 1948-51

MILITARY

Field Artillery School - 1943-44
Infantry School - 1944
AA and Guided Missile School - 1951-53
Division Artillery Staff Officer School - 1959-60
Command and General Staff College - 1961 (Resident)
Combat Division Refresher Course - 1963-64-65
C&GS Logistical Refresher Course - 1967
Special Warfare School - 1967
Combat Service Support School - 1968-69-70-71
Chemical, Biological, Radiologist School - 1968
Armor School - 1969
Logistical Management School for Executives - 1970
Army War College - 1973

SOURCE OF COMMISSION

Officer Candidate School, Field Artillery, 1944

DATE OF RANK

4 August 1972

DATE ENTERED PRESENT ASSIGNMENT

1 October 1971

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF PROMOTIONS

| <u>Rank</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Type</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| 2LT | 22 April 1944 | AUS |
| 1LT | January 1945 | AUS |
| Captain | 25 July 1946 | AUS |
| Major | 13 October 1953 | USAR |
| LTC | 11 December 1957 | USAR |
| COL | 6 September 1961 | USAR |
| BG | 25 May 1967 | USAR |
| MG | 4 August 1972 | USAR |

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

American Campaign Medal
Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal
WWII Victory Medal
American Theater Ribbon
Occupation Ribbon (Japan)
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (w/2 Devices)
Army Commendation Medal (w/OLC)
Legion of Merit

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF ASSIGNMENTS

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| Asst S-3, 614th FA BN | September 1949 - August 1950 |
| S-2, 614th FA BN | August 1950 - July 1951 |
| S-3, 614th AAA BN | July 1951 - August 1955 |
| Communications Officer, 886th FA Group | August 1955 - April 1956 |
| BN Exec, 579th FA BN | April 1956 - June 1957 |
| BN Commdr, 579th FA BN | June 1957 - August 1958 |
| Training Inspector, 103d Div Arty | September 1958 - May 1959 |
| Fire Support Coordinator, 103d Div Arty | May 1959 - June 1960 |
| Executive Officer, 103d Div Arty | June 1960 - January 1963 |
| Chief of Staff & Deputy Cdr, 103d Opn HQ | February 1963 - June 1963 |
| Chief of Staff, 103d Command Hqs (Div) | June 1963 - December 1965 |
| Deputy Commander, 103d Support Brigade | January 1966 - February 1967 |
| Commanding General, 103d Support Brigade | February 1967 - September 1971 |
| Commanding General, 88th US Army Res Cmd | October 1971 - Present |