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Biography

United States
Army

Major General Vincent Eugene Falter

Commanding General, United States Army Military
Personnel Center

Major General Vince Falter was born in Akron, Ohio, on 20 December 1932. He enlisted in the Army and subsequently attended the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in May 1954. General Falter has a Bachelor of Education degree in Military Science from the University of Nebraska. He also holds a Masters degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg State College, Pennsylvania. His military education includes completion of the Field Artillery Battery Officer Course, the Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College.

General Falter's initial commissioned assignment was in Europe with the VII Corps Artillery. Upon return from Europe, he was assigned to the Mortar Battery, 2d Battle Group, 60th Infantry, at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. General Falter then served as a staff officer, Headquarters, 1st Cavalry Division, in Korea, after which he returned to Fort Sill where he was an instructor in the Tactics and Combined Arms Department and, later, as a battery commander.

Returning to Germany, he served as Assistant Chief, Personnel Management Branch of the G1 Section, Headquarters, Seventh Army.

While in Vietnam he served consecutively in the G3 Section, Headquarters, United States Army, Vietnam, and as a field artillery battalion executive officer. General Falter was next assigned to the War Plans Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans in the Pentagon. Reassigned again to Vietnam, he served with the 1st Cavalry Division, as the Chief of Staff for "Task Force Shoemaker," the first United States Forces operations into Cambodia; after completion of Cambodian operations, General Falter commanded a field artillery battalion in the 1st Cavalry Division.

Returning to Washington, General Falter was assigned as Executive Officer, Field Artillery Branch, Officer Personnel Management Directorate. He was next assigned to Fort Sill as Director of the United States Army Field Artillery School's Army-wide Training Support



Department, and then became the Secretary of the Field Artillery School and later, commanded the 75th Field Artillery, III Corps. General Falter was again assigned to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Headquarters, Department of the Army, where he served as Chief of the Firepower Division, and later as Director, Nuclear and Chemical Directorate, Department of the Army, with concurrent assignment as Commanding General of the United States Army Nuclear and Chemical Agency. He was assigned as Commanding General, VII Corps Artillery in Germany in August 1979.

General Falter returned to the United States where he became Deputy, The Inspector General, United States Army. General Falter was Chief of the Army Force Modernization Coordinating Office and on 27 June 1983, he assumed command of the United States Army Military Personnel Center.

General Falter's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Bronze Star with three Oak Leaf Clusters, several Air Medals, and the Army Commendation Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Army General Staff Identification Badge.

He is married to the former Marta Stephen and they have two children, Vincent E., II and Laura.