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Biography

United States Army

Brigadier General Uri Smith French, III

Assistant Division Commander (Support), 82d Airborne Division

Brigadier General Tony French was born in Elmira, New York on 23 August 1937. He received his commission upon graduation from Officer Candidate School in 1957. He is a graduate of Benedictine College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He holds a Master of Arts in Management from Central Michigan University. His military education includes completion of the Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

He has held a wide variety of important command and staff positions culminating in his current assignment as Assistant Division Commander (Support), 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. Other key assignments held recently include duty in Europe as Commander of the 3d Armored Division Artillery and Chief of Staff, First United States Army.

General French served in a variety of important career building assignments preparatory to his most recent duties. He commanded a field artillery battalion (Airborne) at Fort Bragg followed by duty in Washington as a Plans Officer for Force Requirements, later War Plans, with the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans. Following attendance at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, General French served as a Personnel Assignments Officer, later Chief, Assignment Branch, Colonels Division, with the United States



Army MILPERCEN. He remained in this position until assuming his latest assignment.

Awards and decorations which General French has received include the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal with V Device (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Meritorious Service Medal. He is also authorized to wear several Air Medals with V Device, the Army Commendation Medal with V Device (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Master Parachutist Badge.

He is married to the former Charlotte J. Mallard.