



Artillery OCS Hall of Fame

Brigadier General James W. Henderson Camp Davis 1942

General Henderson enlisted in the South Carolina National Guard on 7 October 1940. He entered active service with the 107th AAA Automatic Weapons Battalion on 10 February 1941. He attended Officer Candidate School at Camp Davis, North Carolina and was commissioned on 17 July 1942. General Henderson was promoted to first lieutenant on 28 September 1942. He was given command of a battery and promoted to captain on 23 April 1943. He served in this capacity with the 9th Infantry Division during World War II and was promoted to major on 23 December 1945.

On release from active duty, General Henderson transferred to the Army Reserve. He took a reduction on 3 March 1947 to the grade of captain to command a battery in the South Carolina National Guard. On 1 August 1952, he was promoted to major. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel on 13 May 1957 and assumed command of the 1st AW Battalion, 263d Artillery (Air Defense). He was promoted to colonel on 25 May 1967 and became the Combat Command Commander of the 51st Command Headquarters, Divisional.

Upon reorganization of the National Guard in January 1968, General Henderson became the Commander of the 2nd Brigade, 30th Infantry Division. In April 1969, he became Commander, Emergency Operations Headquarters No. 51, South Carolina Army National Guard. In September 1969, he was subsequently recognized as brigadier general of the Line. In 1971, General Henderson was appointed Assistant Adjutant General of South Carolina.

General Henderson's decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with five Stars and the World War II Victory Medal.