

MAJOR GENERAL WARREN D. HODGES (RET)

General Hodges was born on June 7, 1923 in Lawrence, Kansas. He graduated from Libertry Memorial High School, Lawrence Kansas in 1939 and attended the University of Kansas from 1940 to 1943. He was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and lettered in football and baseball. He graduated from the University of Nebraska, Omaha in 1961.

General Hodges began his military career when he enlisted in the Enlisted Reserve Corps on June 2, 1942 while a member of the ROTC at the University of Kansas. Upon Graduation from Officer Candidate School, Camp Davis, North Carolina, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps on October 14, 1943.

During World War II, General Hodges served in the European Theater of Operations as a Platoon Leader and Company Commander in Company I, 134th Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division. Upon his return to the United States in 1945, he served as S-3, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry, 5th Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky until 1946 when he was reassigned to the Far East Command, Tokyo, Japan. From 1946 to 1949, he served as Commander of the Honor Guard to General Douglas MacArthur.

Upon his return to the United States, he served as S-3, 2nd Battalion, 38th Infantry, 2nd Infantry Division Fort Lewis, Washington and accompanied the division to Korea in July 1950. In Korea, he served as Regimental S-3 and Commander 2nd Battalion, 38th Infantry. He was promoted to Major on 19 October 1950 and to Lieutenant Colonel on 1 December 1951.

Returning to the United States, he was assigned to the Office, Chief of Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe where he served until selected to attend the Command and Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Upon graduation from Command and Staff College in 1955, he was assigned as Chief of the Infantry Team, Army Section, Joint Military Assistance Group, Athens, Greece. In 1958, he was selected to attend the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia. Upon graduation he served as Commander, 2nd Battalion, 54th Armored Rifle Battalion, Fort Knox, Kentucky until 1961 when he was selected to attend the Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He was promoted to Colonel, May 11, 1962.

Upon graduation **from the Army War College**, General Hodges was assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia where he served as Commander, 29th Battle Group, Deputh Commander, 1st Brigade and Chief of Tactics, Brigade and Battalion Operations Group, the Infantry School.

In 1964, he was assigned as Chief of the Army Section, Joint Military Assistance Group, Pakistan. He served in this position until 1966 when he was reassigned to be Deputy Chief, Army National Guard, National Guard Bureau, the Pentagon.

In 1967, General Hodges was assigned to Vietnam where he served as Commander 2nd Brigade and Chief of Staff, 4th Infantry Division until 1968. Upon return to the United States, he was assigned to the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development the Pentagon. In 1969, he was reassigned to be the Chief of Staff, Test and Evaluation Command, Aberdeen Proving Groud, Maryland. He was appointed to be the first Commander of the combined Aberdeen Proving Ground and Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. He served in this position until 1972 when he was retired for physical disability.

Upon retirement, General Hodges was employed by the Department of State Planning, State of Maryland where served as Chief of the State Clearing House and Assistant Secretary for Capital Development. On 23 April, 1980, he was appointed to be the Adjutant General and promoted to Major General in the State by Governor Harry Hughes. He retired from state service on 31 January 1987

Major General Hodges is a combat veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. His decorations include the Combat Infantryman Badge with two (2) stars, the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star with two (2) Oak Leaf Clusters, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star with two (2) Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two (2) Oak Leaf Clusters, Selective Service Gold medal and Silver Medal, American Defense Service Medal, European-African-Middle East Medal with two (2) Battle Stars, World War victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, National Defense Medal, Korean Service Medal with seven (7) Battle Stars. Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam National Order of Merit, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Vietnam Honor Medal 1st Class, United Nations Service Medal, Maryland Distinguished Service Cross, Maryland Meritorious Service Medal, National Guard Bureau Distinguished Service Medal, US Presidential Unit Citation, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation and Vietnam Civil Action Unit Citation.