

BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH

NAME: KARNES, HOWARD L. Colonel US Army

HOME: Present - 2150 Iroquois Lane, Falls Church, Va. 22043
Legal - 1639 N. 27th St, Lawton, Oklahoma 73501

FAMILY: Wife - Margaret Williams Karnes
Children- LeAnne and Howard Jr

EDUCATION: Southwestern Oklahoma State College, B.S. (1940)
Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, Class #26 (1942)
Tank Destroyer Officer Advanced Course (1944)
Cavalry Officer Advanced Course (Mechanized) (1944)
Artillery Officer Advanced Course (1950)
Command and General Staff College (1957)
Nuclear Weapons Effects Course, USC&GSC (1958)
Defense Language Institute (Burmese) (1964)
Foreign Service Institute, Interdepartmental Seminar (Counter Insurgency) (1964)

MILITARY SERVICE: Enlisted, 158th FA Regiment, Oklahoma National Guard
2 Sep 37 to 17 Aug 42. Commissioned 2d Lt, FA, AUS,
18 Aug 42 to Colonel, RA, 1 Jan 69

BACKGROUND: Howard Lyon Karnes was born on 18 May 1920 in Beaver, Oklahoma. He attended Beaver public schools and Southwestern State College at Weatherford, Oklahoma, graduating in 1940 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

He entered on extended active military duty with the 45th Infantry Division, Oklahoma National Guard, on 16 September 1940. He graduated from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery, Army of the United States in August 1942. After graduation he was assigned to the Staff and Faculty of the Tank Destroyer School at Ft Hood, Texas. In 1944 he was assigned to the 679th TD Battalion and participated with this unit in the combat operations in Italy during the last five months of World War II.

After serving until March 1949 in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, United States Army Europe, Captain Karnes was assigned as a student at the Field Artillery School, Ft Sill, Oklahoma. In 1950 he was named commander of Headquarters Battery, 3rd Division Artillery and served with this unit in Japan and Korea until June 1951.

He became an Assistant Professor of Military Science at Michigan State University in July 1951. In 1954 Major Karnes returned to Germany where he served successively with Headquarters 35th Artillery Group and Headquarters VII Corps Artillery. Subsequent to completion of the course of instruction at the United States Army Command and General Staff College in 1957, he was assigned as an instructor in the Field Artillery School, Ft Sill, Oklahoma. In 1961 LTC Karnes was named to command of the Second Battalion, 17th Artillery, a Strategic Army Command and School Support unit at Ft Sill.

In 1963 LTC Karnes entered the Army Language School as a student of Burmese language in preparation for his assignment as the Army Attache to the U.S. Embassy, Rangoon, Burma. He served as Army Attache from September 1964 to December 1966. Subsequent to his assignment as Army Attache, Colonel Karnes was assigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency as the Chief of the Logistics Support Group, Attache Activities Office, where he is currently serving.

MILITARY
AWARDS:

Army Commendation Medal