

BACKGROUND INFORMATION
of
WILLIAM E. MACGREGOR, JR.
COL FA USAR

- I. Occupation -- 1951 to date, engaged in general practice of civil law in Minneapolis -- Trench, Ericson, MacGregor, Lohmann, Walsh & O'Brien at 1120-1130 Roanoke Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- II. Family -- Married to Joanne Lansing MacGregor 10 November 1951, resides with family at 4753 South Emerson Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota; three children:
- Molly Frances MacGregor, born 9 April 1953
William E. MacGregor III, born 26 September 1954
Donald Lansing MacGregor, born 10 June 1957
- III. Civilian Education:
- A. Graduate, Washburn High School, Minneapolis, Minnesota, June, 1937.
- B. Graduate, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, August, 1942, BA Degree, Major in History and Minors in Political Science and English Literature.
- C. Graduate, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, Minnesota, BSL Degree August, 1949.
- D. Graduate, John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois, February, 1951, J.D. Degree.
- E. Admitted, by examination, to practice law in both Minnesota (1951) and Illinois (1950). Admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court (1960) and The Court of Military Appeals (1960) and various Federal Courts.
- F. Lecturer on "Inheritance Tax Law" at Probate Law Administration Course at University of Minnesota spring 1968 -- jointly sponsored by the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota State Bar Association.
- IV. Military Education:
- A. Enlisted.
1. Two years Basic ROTC at University of Minnesota, 1940 - 1942.
2. Basic Training - The Field Artillery Center, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, October, 1942 - May, 1943.
3. OCS - The Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma - Commissioned 6 May 1943.

B. Commissioned.

1. "Officers' Survey Course" -- The Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, December, 1943 - one month.
2. "Naval Gunfire Spotters Course", Subic Bay, Luzon, P.I., August, 1945 - two weeks.
3. "Associate Officers Basic Course #5", The Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, summer, 1947 - three months.
4. "Battery Officers Refresher Course #8", The Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, August, 1951 - one month.
5. "National Resources Conference", University of Minnesota, December, 1954 - two weeks.
6. "Field Artillery "40 Series" Correspondence Course" (Educational qualification for Major) Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 1956.
7. "Field Artillery Gunnery" Correspondence Course, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 1957.
8. "Field Artillery Advanced" Correspondence Course, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 1959.
9. "Division Artillery Staff Officers Refresher Course", Fort Sill, Oklahoma - one week - 1962.
10. "Command & General Staff Officers Refresher Course", Fort Leavenworth, Kansas - one week - 1964.
11. "Command & General Staff Officers Refresher Course", Fort Leavenworth, Kansas - one week - 1965.
12. "Infantry Staff Officers Refresher Course" Fort Benning, Georgia - one week - 1968.
13. Completed Command & General Staff College "Phase X" at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas - two weeks - March, 1969 (Phases I-IX of C&GSC were completed at 5042 USAR School Fort Snelling, Minnesota or by correspondence).

V. Military Assignments:

A. Active Duty.

1. Enlisted in Enlisted Reserve Corps
1 August 1942.
2. Basic Training and OCS at Fort Sill,
Oklahoma, 6 October 1942 - 5 May 1943.
3. Commissioned, Fort Sill, Oklahoma,
6 May 1943.
4. 738 FA Bn, Fort Ord, California as Battery
Office till March, 1944, to Replacement
Depot at Noumea, New Caledonia.
5. Assigned 247 FA Bn of the Americal Division
at Bougainville ASI April, 1944 - to
Phillippine Islands and hospitalized at
Leyete, PI until July, 1945.
6. Assigned as Naval Gunfire Spotter to
592 JASCO - Phillipines and Korea
July, 1945 - December, 1945.
7. Assigned as Historical Writer and Editor
to Headquarters 8th U.S. Army Yokohama,
Japan, December, 1945 - August, 1946.
8. Off active duty August, 1946 and to University
of Minnesota Law School.

B. Reserve Duty - Always assigned to Troop Units.

1. Assigned to 382 FA Bn, Fort Snelling,
Minnesota as Ln. Officer and Battery
Commander, 1946 - 1949.
2. Assigned to 417 MG Co., Navy Pier, Chicago,
Illinois, as Company Officer - 1949 - 1951.
3. Assigned to 383 FA Bn, Fort Snelling,
Minnesota, as Battery Commander, Asst. S-3,
S-3 and Battalion Commander (383 FA Bn
became 4th Howitzer Bn, 31st Artillery in
May, 1957) August, 1951 - 15 March 1963.
Commanded Field Artillery Battalion January,
1959 - March, 1963.
4. Assigned to 205th Infantry Brigade (Separate)
at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, as Asst. S-3,
S-3 and Executive Officer - March, 1963 -
August, 1968. (Brigade Staff awarded Annual
Unit Training grade of "Superior" each of
three years this officer was Executive Officer).

5. Assigned to 88 Army Reserve Command at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, as Inspector General - August, 1968 - 1 August 1970.
6. Assigned to USAR Control Group (Reinf) USAAC, St. Louis, Missouri, and attached to 5205 Maneuver Area Command (RTU), Fort Snelling, Minnesota, effective 1 August 1970.
7. Promoted to Colonel - 31 March 1970.