

JOHN H. MC LAIN
BRIGADIER GENERAL, AUS (RET)

General McLain served in World War II in Panama and Europe, enlisting in the Field Artillery as a private in 1940. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School #42, December 1942, at Fort Sill, OK, and was released from active duty with the rank of Captain in November 1945.

He again volunteered for active service during the Korean Conflict and was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division in Japan and then to the Korean Military Advisory Group as senior advisor to the 99th Republic of Korea Field Artillery Battalion.

His reserve duty includes various staff and faculty positions with the 2073rd USAR School from 1954 to 1967. In 1968 he was named Chief of Staff of the newly created 99th United States Army Reserve Command. In 1970-1971 he was Commanding Officer of the 479th Artillery Group. In September of 1971 he was selected as Deputy Commander of the 99th US Army Reserve Command and was confirmed by the Senate as a Brigadier General in August 1972.

He was recalled to active duty in Washington, D.C. in 1974 as a member of the US Department of Defense Study Group for the Guard and Reserve in the Total Force. In 1975 he again served on active duty, this time with Headquarters, First US Army at Fort Meade, Maryland, as Chief, Project PRECISE to develop a long range master plan to provide adequate training facilities for Army Reserve Components in the First Army Area. After almost 37 years of active and reserve Army duty, he was retired in August 1977. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

He holds Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Pittsburgh and is a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College, and has completed courses at the Army War College, the National War College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

He is an educator and has taught English composition and literature and the history of England at high school and college levels.

For over 16 years he was the Executive Vice President of the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, and from 1978 to his retirement in January 1984 was Director of Membership, Reserve Officers Association of the United States. He is a past president of the Pittsburgh Rotary Club, the Allegheny County Easter Seal Society, the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce Executives, and has served as an officer and director of many other business and civic organizations. He is listed in Who's Who in America and the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame, and is recognized by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives as a Certified Chamber Executive.

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