

**NAME AND RANK:** MG LaClair A. Melhouse

**CURRENT ASSIGNMENT:** The Adjutant General

**HOME ADDRESS:** Fraine Barracks, P. O. Box 1817, Bismarck, ND 58501

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Balfour, North Dakota 23 Oct 1916

**COLLEGE ATTENDED (dates; degrees, if any):** Minot State Teachers College, BS; University of North Dakota

**MILITARY EDUCATION (List in chronological order, with dates):** Artillery School: Officer Candidate School, 1942; Advance Course, 1951; Engineer School: Basic Course, 1956; Advance Course, 1957; Fifth Army Intelligence School: Basic Course, 1959; Advance Course, 1961. Command and General Staff College: Associate Course, 1963. Senior Reserve Component Officer Course, U. S. Army War College, 1970.

**MILITARY HISTORY:** General Melhouse enlisted in the North Dakota National Guard, in October 1939. He entered upon active duty with his organization, the 188th Field Artillery Battalion, on 1 April 1941. Completing Officer Candidate School, he was commissioned a 2d Lieutenant in December 1942 and was assigned to the 82d Field Artillery Battalion. With this unit he served as S-2 and reconnaissance officer. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant in September 1943 and to Captain in April 1945. He served with the 82d Field Artillery Battalion in the New Guinea, Admiralty Islands, Philippine Islands, and Japan campaigns.

After returning from World War II active duty, General Melhouse was assigned to the 465th Field Artillery Battalion (Army Reserve) in the grade of Captain with assignment as S-4. When this organization was mobilized during the Korean War in September 1950, General Melhouse served as a battery commander, battalion executive officer and battalion commander. He was released from active duty in 1952.

General Melhouse rejoined the North Dakota National Guard in June 1955 in the grade of Captain with assignment as company commander in the 164th Engineer Battalion. He served in several staff positions and was promoted to Major in 1959. General Melhouse again went on active duty, when the

164th Engineer Battalion was mobilized during the Berlin Crisis, in September 1961. He was released from active duty, in August 1962. On 17 November 1962, he was appointed Adjutant General of North Dakota with the State grade of brigadier general. Federally recognized as Brigadier General 24 September 1968. Federally recognized as a Major General 11 December 1969.

**DECORATIONS AND AWARDS:** Bronze Star Medal; Purple Heart Medal; American Defense Service Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four stars; World War II Victory Medal; Army of Occupation Medal (Japan); National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two stars and one arrowhead; Philippine Presidential Unit Citation Badge; North Dakota National Guard Service Ribbon; Five-year Service Medal; Berlin Crisis Medal.