

Major General Wilfred C. Menard, Jr. - Artillery OCS Class 26-42

Major General Wilfred C. Menard, Jr. enlisted in the U.S. Army in January 1941, served in the 112th Field Artillery Regiment (Horse Drawn), and was commissioned as a Field Artillery Officer upon graduation from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, class 26-42, on 18 August 1942. His first duty assignment was as Company Commander, the Tank Destroyer School, Camp Hood, Texas.

His subsequent duty assignments were: Company Commander, 2nd Training Battalion, Camp Wheeler, Georgia; Assistant S-2, 50th Armored Division Artillery, New Jersey Army National Guard, Lawrenceville, NJ; S-1, 50th Armored Division Artillery, NJARNG; S-2, 50th Armored Division Artillery, NJARNG; S-4, 50th Armored Division Artillery, NJARNG; S-3, 50th Armored Division Artillery, NJARNG; Director, Fiscal and Finance, HQ New Jersey National Guard, Lawrenceville, New Jersey; Commander, 696th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 50th Armored Division, NJARNG, Lawrenceville, New Jersey; Commander, 4th Rocket Howitzer Battalion, 50th Armored Division; Executive Officer, 112th Artillery Group, NJARNG; Commander, 112th Artillery Group, NJARNG; Commander, 50th Armored Division Artillery, Lawrenceville, New Jersey; Deputy Adjutant General, New Jersey Army National Guard; Assistant Chief of Staff, New Jersey National Guard; and The Adjutant General, New Jersey Department of Military Affairs.

His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course, Infantry Staff Officer Course, Command and General Staff College, Senior Officer Preventive Maintenance Course, Army Management Course, Military Police Civil Disturbance Orientation Course, and the National War College Defense Strategy Seminar.

His military awards include: the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Army Commendation Medal, National Guard Bureau Order of the Eagle, American Campaign Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal, New Jersey Ribbon of Honor, and New Jersey Merit Award.

MG Menard also spent a lifetime giving back to the community; to include receiving the Boy Scouts of America Good Guy Award, selection as Rider University's Graduate of the Year, serving as a member and president on the Board of Trustees of the Helene Fuld Medical Center, serving on the Executive Committee of the Trenton Chapter of the American Red Cross, as well as serving and/or supporting a multitude of other organizations.