

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

BRIGADIER GENERAL VAN D. NUNALLY, JR.

Brigadier General Van D. Nunally, Jr., has been the moving force behind the Tennessee Army National Guard for more than two decades, serving a long tenure as Assistant Adjutant General and as the Adjutant General.

He was born 9 March 1917 in Baxter, Tennessee, attended Putnam County public schools and is a graduate of Baxter Seminary and of the University of Chattanooga.

General Nunally has served as the Assistant Adjutant General for the Army Guard in Tennessee since 16 January 1967, and served previously as the Assistant Adjutant General from October 1955 until his appointment as the Adjutant General by the late Governor Frank G. Clement. He was federally recognized as a Major General 24 February 1961 and served as the Adjutant General until January 1967 when he assumed his present post.

He first entered the U. S. Army on 13 June 1941 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on 28 July 1942, following completion of the Artillery School's Officer Candidate School at Ft. Sill, OK, Class #28.

Serving with the 633rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, he was promoted to First Lieutenant in December 1942 and to the rank of Captain in May 1944. During World War II, he served in the European Theater of Operations with the 633rd and saw combat duty in France, Germany and Czechoslovakia. He was separated from active service as a company commander on 6 February 1946 and entered the Officers Reserve Corps.

He joined the Tennessee Army National Guard on 6 February 1947 in the grade of major and was assigned to the 765th Tank Battalion. He was assigned to the 173rd Armored Cavalry Regiment in September 1949 and served as executive officer and later commanding officer of the regiment's 3rd Battalion at Cookeville.

In February 1951, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and from December 1953 until October 1954, was assigned to Headquarters, Tennessee National Guard. Following this, he was named Executive Officer of Combat Command B, 30th Armored Division, at Murfreesboro. In October 1955, he was promoted to Colonel and reassigned to the State Headquarters where he began his career as Assistant Adjutant General.

General Nunally married the former Frances Ditty of Granville and they have two daughters.

He is a member of American Legion Post No. 5, a Mason, Shriner and a Methodist. He has been a member of the Executive Board, Middle Tennessee Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

APPOINTMENTS:

2LT-----28Jul42	MG -----16Mar61
1LT-----16Dec42	COL-----16Jan67
CPT----- 1May44	BG -----25May67
MAJ----- 6Feb47	COL----- 8Mar69
LTC-----13Feb51	BG -----12Mar71
COL----- 40ct55	

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal

Army Commendation

Good Conduct

American Defense Service

American Campaign

EAME

WWII Victory

Army of Occupation

Reserve Forces Medal w/2 hour glasses

Reserve Component Achievement Medal

TN Distinguished Service Ribbon

TN Commendation Ribbon

TN Service Ribbon w/silver oak leaf cluster

Volunteer Ribbon

Alabama Distinguished Service Ribbon

Governor's Meritorious Unit Citation

Distinguished Unit Commendation

CAMPAIGNS:

Central Europe