

## **Major General Theodore W. Paulson (NG1-57)**

Major General Theodore W. Paulson was born in Los Angeles, California on 30 March 1937. His initial military service was as an enlisted person in the California National Guard from 1954-1958 at which time he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from Artillery Officer's Candidate School at Fort Sill Oklahoma,

In 1959, he received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of California at Los Angeles in Geography, He also held a Masters of Public Affairs and Administration, CORD Foundation, Los Angeles and completed executive programs in public utilities management at the graduate schools of business at both the University of Michigan and the University of Idaho. General Paulson was also a graduate of the Harvard University National and International Security Program. As part of his military education, General Paulson was a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

Throughout his military career General Paulson held a wide variety of command and staff positions. They included service as "A" Battery Commander. 3rd Battalion, 77th Artillery. and Battalion S-4 of the same Battalion. He served as Headquarters Commandant for both the 63rd Army Reserve Command (ARCOM) and the 311th Logistical Command. He commanded the 309th Army Security Agency Battalion, and then became Chief of Staff at the 311th Support Brigade (Corps). He returned to the 63rd ARCOM as Chief of Staff and became the Deputy Commander in 1979. In April 1980, General Paulson was designated as the Commander of the 311th Support Command (Corps). June 1984 saw him assigned as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development and Acquisitions for Mobilization and Reserve Affairs (IMA), Headquarters Department of the Army, Pentagon. In June 1987, General Paulson was assigned as Commander, 63rd United States Army Reserve Command. Upon completion of his four year command tenure in June 1991, General Paulson was reassigned as the Deputy Commanding General (IMA) Bold Shift, Headquarters, FORCES COMMAND, Atlanta, Georgia. General Paulson retired in May 1993 following more than 39 years of service.

His awards included the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two Ten-year Devices, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon with bronze Arabic numeral 2. General Paulson was inducted into the Artillery OCS Hall of Fame, Fort Sill in 1982. In February 1997, General Paulson was inducted into the Senior Army Reserve Commanders Association Hall of Fame.

General Paulson served as the Sixth U.S. Army's Principal Member of the Secretary of the Army, Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee 1983-1985. He was also appointed in 1985 to serve on the General Officer Special Advisory Group for the Secretary of the Army directed study on Training of the Army Reserve Logistics Officer and again in 1986 for a second special study on the Army Reserve Personnel Management System.

During 1991, General Paulson was appointed and served as a member of the Department of Defense Reserve Forces Policy Board. This board serves as a principal policy adviser to the Secretary of Defense on reserve component matters.