

## BIOGRAPHY

Brigadier General Robert J. Poirot

Colorado Army National Guard

Brigadier General Robert J. Poirot is assistant adjutant general and commander of the Colorado Army National Guard. He is responsible for maintaining the combat readiness of all Army National Guard personnel and equipment in Colorado.

General Poirot was born April 1, 1935, in Scotland, Texas. He graduated from high school in 1953 and earned a bachelor of science degree in geology and chemistry from Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Texas, in 1958. In 1964, he earned a masters in education with biology and math as a minor, also from Midwestern University. He has done post graduate study at Sam Houston State in astronomy, Baldwin-Wallace in chemistry, University of Washington in oceanography, University of Wyoming and Colorado State University in environmental science, and Colorado School of Mines in mining. His military education includes survey school at Fort Sill in 1959; Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill in 1960; Chemical School and Fort McClellan in 1966; U.S. Command and General Staff College in 1976; and U.S. Army War College in 1983.

General Poirot began his military career when he joined the Texas Army National Guard on March 19, 1958 and entered basic training in Aug. 1958. He entered Officer Candidate School on June 1, 1960, graduating Aug. 30, 1960. He was commissioned a second lieutenant, artillery, on Dec. 12, 1960 and served as assistant executive officer for 'A' Battery, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 131st

Artillery. It was in this position that he served from Oct. 1, 1961 through Aug. 15, 1962 when he was activated for the Berlin Crisis. Upon release he was named battery commander of Division Artillery, 49th Armored Division, Texas, and remained there until September 1964 when he moved to the Colorado Army National Guard. His first assignment was as survey officer and communications officer for Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 169th Artillery until 1965 when he was named commander of "A" Battery, 1st Battalion, 169th Artillery. In 1968, the battery was converted to the 220th Military Police Company where he served as company commander. He served from 1969 to 1975 as supply and logistics and training officer for the 193d Military Police Battalion. In 1975, he was appointed the 193d Military Police Battalion executive officer and served there until Feb. 1, 1977 when he was named battalion commander of the 193d Military Police Battalion. On Aug 1, 1979, he was appointed the training officer for Command and Control, Headquarters, remaining in that position until Sept. 8, 1980 when he was appointed the executive officer of Command and Control, Headquarters. On Jan. 1, 1983, he was appointed Commander of Troop Command, Headquarters, State Area Readiness Command, and remained there until July 1, 1986 when he was named Chief of Staff, Colorado Army National Guard. In January 1987, he was appointed deputy commander, Colorado Army National Guard and on Sept. 1, 1988, he was appointed commander, Colorado Army National Guard.

The general's military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal. His state awards include the Federal Service Medal, State Emergency Service Ribbon, and the Colorado Long Service Medal.

He is a member of the National Guard Association of the United States, National Guard Association of Colorado, Vice Chairman of the County Central Committee of the Democratic Party, Colorado Education Association, National Education Association, and the Knights of Columbus.

General Poirot is employed as a Secondary Science Teacher by Jefferson County Public Schools.

The general was promoted and federally recognized as a brigadier on May 11, 1989.