



BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN G. TOWNSEND

CLASS 26A-67

Brigadier General Townsend served on active and reserve duty in the US Army for more than 33 years. He served in a wide variety of staff and command positions in Field Artillery, Transportation and Special Forces units. He commanded at every rank from lieutenant through brigadier general ranging from Special Forces operational detachments through a division-sized Army Reserve Command. As a Colonel he commanded the 12th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and his final assignment was as Commanding General of the 86th US Army Reserve Command.

In January 2004 He retired from his civilian judicial career after more than 24 years service as a Judge in the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Illinois. He is presently the Director of a Department of Defense Office of the Inspector General assessment of DoD support to the Iraqi Security Force Inspectors General. He first began work with the DOD OIG in January 2006 as the Special Advisor for Southwest Asia Operations to the Department of Defense Inspector General and Chief of the DoD OIG Qatar office. Prior to that he served in Baghdad, Iraq with the U.S. Department of State, Iraq Reconstruction Management Office Ministry of Defense Advisory Team.

Brigadier General Townsend's decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak-leaf Cluster) and the Army Commendation Medal (with Oak-Leaf Cluster).