

## **BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT T. WILLIAMS**

Assistant Division Commander, 38th Infantry Division  
Michigan Army National Guard

General Williams began his military career as a private with Battery D, 150th Field Artillery, Camp Shelby, Mississippi. After attending Officer Candidate School, he was appointed second lieutenant on 28 July 1942 and was assigned to the 491st Field Artillery at Camp Polk, Louisiana, as Battery Executive Officer. He was reassigned to Headquarters Company, Combat Command A, 11th Armored Division, on 12 November 1942 as Company Commander and accompanied the division to the European Theater of Operations on 18 November 1944 with assignment as Assistant Operations Officer. Upon his return to the United States in October 1945, he was assigned to the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as a Battalion Operations and Training Officer.

General Williams was released from active duty on 13 October 1946 and was assigned to the Officers Reserve Corps. On 30 March 1948, he accepted appointment as a captain in the Michigan Army National Guard with assignment to Service Company, 126th Infantry. On 8 September 1948, he was transferred to Headquarters Company of the Regiment as Adjutant. He received his promotion to major in the Michigan National Guard on 14 December 1948. On 7 March 1953, he was reassigned as Executive Officer, Headquarters, 3d Battalion, 126th Infantry, but was returned to the position of Regimental Adjutant on 20 June 1954. On 13 November 1955, he became Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 126th Infantry, and was promoted to lieutenant colonel on 2 April 1956. On 15 March 1959, he was reassigned as Deputy Commander, 1st Battle Group, 126th Infantry, and assumed command of the group on 4 December 1959. He was promoted to colonel on 3 February 1960. On 15 March 1963, General Williams was appointed 2d Brigade Commander of the 46th Infantry Division until 6 October 1967 when he was appointed Assistant Division Commander of the 46th. Upon reorganization of the Michigan Army National Guard on 1 February 1968, he was reassigned to his present position of Assistant Division Commander, 38th Infantry Division. General Williams was Federally recognized as a brigadier general on 1 December 1967.

*Decorations and Awards:* Bronze Star; American Campaign Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal; Victory Medal; Army of Occupation Medal.