

Lieutenant General JOSEPH WILLIAM KINZER

Retired 31 July 1998

SOURCE OF COMMISSIONED SERVICE OCS

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Armor Officer Advanced Course
United States Army Command and General Staff College
United States Army War College

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES

University of Tampa - BA Degree - History
Shippensburg University - MS Degree - Public Administration

FOREIGN LANGUAGE(S) Vietnamese

PROMOTIONS

DATES OF APPOINTMENT

2LT	22 Sep 64
1LT	22 Mar 66
CPT	22 Mar 67
MAJ	7 Feb 74
LTC	3 Aug 79
COL	1 Sep 85
BG	1 Jul 90
MG	1 Jul 93
LTG	17 Jul 96

MAJOR DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

FROM

TO

ASSIGNMENT

Sep 64	Jul 65	Platoon Leader, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 325th Infantry, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Jul 65	Mar 66	Executive Officer, Company C, 1st Battalion, 325th Infantry, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Mar 66	Sep 66	Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 325th Infantry, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Sep 66	Jan 67	Commander, Company C, 1st Battalion, 325th Infantry, 82d Airborne, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Jun 67	Jun 68	Battalion Advisor, later Liaison Officer, Airborne Division Advisory Detachment, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
Sep 68	Jun 69	Student, Armor Officer Advanced Course, United States Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Kentucky
Jun 69	Aug 69	Project Officer, Plans Branch, 3d Battalion, School Brigade, United States Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Kentucky
Sep 69	May 71	Student, University of Tampa, Tampa, Florida
Sep 71	Mar 72	Assistant G-3 (Operations), later Assistant Secretary of the General Staff, XXIV Corps, United States Army, Vietnam
Apr 72	Jul 73	S-3 (Operations), 2d Battalion, 504th Infantry, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Aug 73	Jun 74	Student, United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
Jun 74	Jun 77	Company Tactical Officer, later Regimental S-1 (Personnel)/S-4 (Logistics), 4th Regiment, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York

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Jun 77	Jun 78	Executive Officer, 1st Battalion , 506th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky
Jun 78	Feb 79	Assistant G-3 (Plans), 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky
Mar 79	Apr 80	Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky
Apr 80	Mar 83	Commander, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky
Mar 83	Jun 84	Student, United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
Jun 84	Jun 85	Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 (Operations), 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Jun 85	Sep 86	Deputy G-3 (Operations), XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Nov 86	Nov 88	Commander, 3d Assault Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky
Nov 88	Feb 90	Assistant Division Commander, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Feb 90	Sep 92	Deputy Commanding General, United States Army South, Fort Clayton, Panama
Sep 92	Jun 93	Deputy Director for Operations, Readiness and Mobilization, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, United States Army, Washington, DC
Jun 93	Aug 94	Director of Operations, Readiness and Mobilization, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, United States Army, Washington, DC
Sep 94	Jul 96	Deputy Commanding General, Fifth United States Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Jul 96	Jul 98	Commanding General, Fifth United States Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Battalion Advisor, later Liaison Officer, Airborne Division Advisory Detachment, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam	Jun 67-Jun 68	Captain

US DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Defense Distinguished Service Medal
Distinguished Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster)
Legion of Merit (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Air Medal
Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Combat Infantryman Badge
Expert Infantryman Badge
Master Parachutist Badge
Air Assault Badge
Army Staff Identification Badge

Lieutenant General Joseph W. Kinzer

Lieutenant General Joseph W. Kinzer, born 7 July 1939, is a native of Westminster, Maryland. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1959 and served at Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Myer, Virginia; and Europe before being commissioned through the Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1964. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in History from the University of Tampa, Florida, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania.

General Kinzer is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Candidate School, the Armor Advanced Course, Command and Staff College, and the Army War College. His commissioned service initially included two tours of duty with the 82d Airborne Division where he served with the 1-325th and 2-504th Airborne Infantry Battalions as Recon Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Company Commander, and Battalion S3. His service also included seven months in the Dominican Republic in 1965 with the 82d Division. During two tours of duty in the Republic of Vietnam, General Kinzer served as an advisor to the 7th Airborne Battalion, Army of the Republic of Vietnam, and as Operations Officer and Assistant Secretary to the General Staff of 24th US Corps in DaNang, Vietnam.

From June 1974 to June 1977, he served as a Tactical Officer at the United States Military at West Point. From June 1977 until May 1983 he served with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. While at Fort Campbell his assignments included Executive Officer, 1-506th Infantry, Plans Officer for the 101st Division G3/DPT, Deputy G3, and Commander 2-503d Infantry Battalion from March 1980 to February 1983. Returning to Fort Bragg in November 1985, he served as the G3 82d Airborne Division, and as Director of Operations, XVIII Corps. Following these assignments, General Kinzer returned once again to Fort Campbell in November 1986 to command the 3d Brigade 101st Airborne Division.

Reassigned to Fort Bragg in November 1988 and promoted to Brigadier General, he served as the Deputy Commanding General for Operations 82d Airborne Division until January 1990. From February 1990 to September 1992, he served as the Deputy Commanding General of United States Army South and Task Force South in Panama. Reassigned to the Pentagon in September 1992, General Kinzer served as the Deputy Director and Director of Operations, Mobilization, and Readiness for the Department of the Army at Headquarters Department of the Army until August 1994 when he was reassigned to Fort Sam Houston, Texas as the Deputy Commanding General 5th United States Army. From March 1995 to March 1996, he served as the Commanding General of United States Forces and United Nations Forces in Haiti. Returning to Fort Sam Houston in March 1996, he was promoted to Lieutenant General and assumed duties as the Commanding General 5th United States Army in July 1996. He relinquished command of 5th Army in August 1998, and retired from active duty after serving 39 plus years of service on 31 August 1998.

His military decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Army Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf clusters, Legion of Merit with Two Oak Leaf clusters, Bronze Star Medal with V device and Two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Good Conduct Medal. He is the recipient of the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Master Parachutist Badge.

General Kinzer is married to the former Bonnie S. Booker of Danville, Virginia. They have two children, Joe Jr. of Southport, NC, and Amy Garner of Hickory, North Carolina