

**David A. Bramlett**  
**General, US Army (Ret)**

General Bramlett concluded his 34+ years of service with command of U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) from July 1996 to August 1998, after serving as Deputy Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii.

Entering the Army from Imperial Beach, California, General Bramlett graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1964 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. His first assignment was as a rifle platoon leader with Company B, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Hawaii.

He served in Vietnam as aide-de-camp for the Assistant Division Commander, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, and later rifle company executive officer, C/1-14 Infantry. His second tour included rifle company command of C/2-327 Infantry, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division and assistant brigade S3, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade.

General Bramlett's command and staff positions include; Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 503D Infantry, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault); Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 82d Airborne Division; Commander, 3rd Brigade, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault); and Commanding General, 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Wainwright, Alaska. He also served as Assistant Chief of Staff, G1, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault), and as Assistant Chief of Staff, G3/Director Plans and Training, XVIII Airborne Corps.

His career also included tours as Deputy Director, Plans, Policy, and Programs with U.S. Central Command, and Assistant Division Commander, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Prior to commanding the 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, he was the Commandant of Cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point, 1989-1992.

Instructor tours include the Florida Ranger Camp, 1967-68, and the Department of English at West Point for three years after earning a master's degree from Duke University in 1972.

Among General Bramlett's military awards are the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal (oak leaf cluster), Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with 5 oak leaf clusters (three with "V"), and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. He has also earned the Combat Infantryman Badge, Senior Parachute Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

Since retirement, he has been a Senior Mentor with the Army's Joint Force Land Component Commander's Course and an occasional participant in seminars on security issues and international affairs. He has also been an adjunct instructor with Hawaii Pacific University in the graduate school (courses in History and Literature).

Past volunteer work has included USO of Hawaii (Board President), Armed Services YMCA, Boy Scouts, Advisory Boards of both University of Hawaii's Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Hawaii Pacific University's College of Liberal Arts, among other organizations. He continues work as a volunteer with the Hawaii Army Museum Society (Board President), Chaminade University's Board of Regents (Vice Chair), Pacific and Asian Affairs Council, and the Military Affairs Council of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce.

He is married to Nora K. Harmsen, D.D.S.