

Maj. Gen. James W. Mac Vay
USA, Ret.
Inducted 1999

Retired Major General James W. Mac Vay was the 48th Adjutant General of Pennsylvania. He was appointed to the cabinet-level position by Governor Tom Ridge April 15, 1995. As Adjutant General, he was responsible for command, control and supervision of all Army and Air National Guard units allocated to the state of Pennsylvania.

General Mac Vay is a native of Clarks Summit, PA, and was educated in the Clarks Summit and Scranton school systems. He is a 1957 graduate of Clarks Summit Abington High School. He holds a bachelor of science degree in political science from the University of New York - Albany.

General Mac Vay entered the Army National Guard during his senior year in high school. He enlisted in Company C of the 109th Infantry Regiment and received initial combat training at Fort Knox, KY, and Fort Polk, LA. He served as a heavy weapons and rifle squad leader before completing the Second U.S. Army Noncommissioned Officer's Academy in 1958.

In 1960, General Mac Vay was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry following completion of Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA. He has completed the Infantry Officer's Orientation Course; Tactical Officer's Orientation Course and Infantry Officer's Advance Course at Fort Benning, GA; National Security Management Course of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D.C.; and Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS. General Mac Vay is a 1983 graduate of the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA.

General Mac Vay has served as a rifle and weapons platoon leader, rifle company commander, battalion adjutant, battalion operations officer, brigade operations officer, infantry battalion commander, division operations and training officer, chief of staff and assistant division commander (maneuver) of the 28th Infantry Division. He has served in full-time assignments with the 28th Infantry Division since January 1964. He was appointed Deputy Adjutant General - Army, Pennsylvania National Guard, December 1, 1993, and served in that position until his cabinet appointment. The general received federal recognition of the rank of major general April 16, 1995.

The general's military awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with silver oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Award, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two hourglass devices, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal, Pennsylvania Commendation Medal, Pennsylvania State Service Ribbon with the number three silver stars, Pennsylvania Twenty Year Service Medal with three additional five year service stars, Major General Thomas R. White Medal, Pennsylvania Recruiting and Retention Medal and the General Thomas J. Stewart Medal.