

Biography

Major General Walter F. Pudlowski Jr. Inducted 2018

Major General Walter F. Pudlowski Jr. made outstanding contributions toward the goal of a seamless and component integrated Army.

He entered the Army as an Enlisted Soldier in October 1965 and was later commissioned through the Army OCS program. He served in the United States, Panama and was a Platoon Leader in Vietnam. After leaving active service in 1972, General Pudlowski served in the United States Army Reserve and the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. He served in leadership assignments in the 1st and 2nd Battalions 109th Infantry; Headquarters 55th Brigade; and as the 28th Divisions G3, Chief of Staff and Deputy Commanding General for Maneuver. He is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University and the Army War College.

From October 1998 to October 2003, General Pudlowski commanded the 28th Infantry Division during complex times when total dedication to full Component integration was required. He prepared the 28th Infantry Division for Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He prepared and deployed Divisional command and combat formations to Multi-National Peace Keeping operations in Bosnia and in Kosovo; a Brigade size security force to Europe; and a Brigade for combat operations in Iraq. General Pudlowski focused on fully training Officers and Noncommissioned Officers, instilling in them the ability to function and perform seamlessly in multi-component and joint-coalition missions.

He was an insightful commander whose initiative saw the development of the National Guard's only fully modernized Stryker Brigade Combat Team as an integral part of the 28th Infantry Division. General Pudlowski represented the National Guard in the 2005 Quadrennial Defense Review and was the National Guard's representative in developing the Army Force Generation Model to insure a fully interoperable Army trained and equipped for the future.

In his final assignment before retirement in November 2005, General Pudlowski was the Special Assistant to the Director of the Army National Guard, and was called upon to serve as the Acting Director of the Army National Guard; and as the National Guard Bureau J3 Operations Officer during Hurricane Katrina.

Throughout his career as a Citizen Soldier, General Pudlowski was a spokesman for the Army National Guard, effectively delivering the message of today's Citizen Soldier and their families throughout the Nation. He was a driving force behind the successful integration of the Army National Guard as a vital part of the United States Army. This was particularly true as National Guard deployments peaked in support of the Global War on Terrorism and Guardsmen answered the Nation's call with distinction.

General Pudlowski's awards and decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Medal w/OLC; Legion of Merit w/OLC; Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal; and he was awarded the Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; and the Pennsylvania Commendation Medal. Other awards and orders include the Association of the United States Army LTG Raymond S. McLain Medal; the Infantry Order of Saint Michael; and the Armor Order of Saint George.

Major General Pudlowski remained active in National Guard activities after retirement as a member and former President of the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum's Board of

Directors; member of the Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania National Guard Education Fund; and former member of the Pennsylvania National Guard Association Board of Directors. He is a current member and former President of the Dauphin County Hero's Grove Committee.

Major General Pudlowski and his wife Elizabeth live in Grantville, Pennsylvania. They have three children, Heather, Erin and Walter; and five grandchildren, Londyn, Rance, Lea, Bryce and Nathaniel.