

Maj. Gen. Nicholas P. Kafkalas
Adjutant General of Pennsylvania
Commanding General, 28th Division
Inducted 1998

Major General Nicholas P. Kafkalas commanded the 28th Infantry Division from 1967 to 1977 and as The Adjutant General from May 1977 to 1979.

General Kafkalass' military career began on 6 March 1939, when he enlisted as a Private in Company D, 110th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division. In February 1941, he was a Sergeant when the 28th Division was called to active duty. He left the Division at Camp Livingston, Louisiana, in April 1942, to attend Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning. Following graduation on 14 July 1942, he was assigned to the 54th Armored Infantry regiment, 10th Armored Division as a Second Lieutenant.

He served successfully at Platoon Leader, Assistant Regimental Operations and Training Officer and Company Commander. He was promoted to First lieutenant in November 1943, and to Captain on 6 June 1944.

General Kafkalas was Commander of Company C, 54th Armored Infantry Battalion when the 10th Armored Division landed in France on 12 September 1944. In the fighting that followed, he was wounded and he twice earned the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

Upon separation, he returned to his home town of Monessen, Pennsylvania, rejoined the 28th ID and in 1946, reorganized Company D, 110th Infantry regiment, 28th Infantry Division, and became its commander. He stayed with the 28th Infantry Division during its call to active duty in 1950 and saw duty with NATO forces in Germany. He was released from active duty at Fort Jay, New York, in December 1953. He immediately rejoined the 28th Infantry Division, then reorganized them on an inactive duty basis, and was assigned as Division G-3, Operations and Training Officer. On 15 July 1960, he was named Chief of Staff of the 28th Infantry Division, He was named Assistant Division Commander on 15 March 1966 and he was promoted to the rank of Major General on 10 December 1968.

General Kafkalas' decorations and awards include the Silver Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman Badge. He has also been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.