

BIOGRAPHY: BRIGADIER GENERAL GARY GREEN HARBER

UNITED STATES ARMY RETIRED



General Harber served as an Infantry Officer at the LT level and was transferred by the Army to the Combat Engineer Branch in the Army Corp of Engineer in 1959. General Harber is a Master Army Aviator with more than 10,000 hours in military and civilian fixed and rotary wing aircraft. He served as the NATO Northern Regional Wartime Construction Manager (RWCM) and Commander of the 194th Engineer Brigade (Theatre Army) from 1989 through 1995 responsible for the United Kingdom, Norway, Denmark and Jutland. Command included five (5) Army Engineer Groups (up to 5000 Soldiers per Group). In the Northern Region Command included USAF Red Horse and Black Horse Engineers, USN Sea Bee's, and a blocking force TF USMC MEF when required in the very northern part of the region. General Harber worked closely with the UK Commanders-In-Chief Committees on mission wartime support requirements.

General served at the Pentagon on numerous occasions to include the Chief, Construction Branch, Army Installations Division and served on the Chief of Engineers General Officer Executive Council that advised the Chief of Engineers on matters relative to Engineer Unit Requirements and Wartime missions of Engineer units. This Council was made up of all General Officer Commanders and advised the Chief of Engineers on matters relative to Engineer Unit Requirements and Wartime missions of Engineer units. Council was very involved in Desert Shield/Desert Storm for the employment of engineers.

Nation Building: Central America-Panama, Honduras, Costa Rica and El Salvador -1992-1995

General Harber Commanded the Nation Building Efforts in Central America with primary focus on Panama, Honduras and Costa Rica building roads through the jungle and construction of schools, clinics and support facilities. Those efforts were supported by a Flight Detachment of CH-47s from Fort Rucker, AL and USAF where needed for supply missions. General worked closely with the State Department and the Ambassadors in those countries to provide the critical infrastructure requirements approved by the United States Government. The El Salvador mission was in the early stages from conflicts that were happening in that country and the Command Staff Representative spent a considerable amount of time in assisting in the stability and defining future support should the United States approve that action.

General Harber completed 42 years of service and retired as a General Officer of the Line in 1997.