U.S. ARMY ADJUTANT GENERAL'S CORPS
HALL OF FAME

MAJOR GENERAL JACK C. WHEELER
OFFICIAL DATE RETIRED: 31 OCTOBER 1993

1. List of possible sources of information:

LTG (R) Fred Vollrath	MG (R) Ronald Brooks
LTG (R) William H. Reno	COL (R) Joseph Simek
Mrs. Teresa C. Maude	USAREC
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2. Narrative highlights:

- After Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and during the downsizing of the Army, MG Wheeler significantly increased the selection requirements for initial enlistments by raising the percentage of recruited Soldiers with high school diplomas and lowering test category IV acceptances.
- As the Director of Enlisted Personnel Management Division, Total Army Personnel Agency, MG Wheeler developed and initiated the Enlisted Distribution Assignment System (EDAS), a real time, interactive, automated system that supports the management of the Active component enlisted force still used today.

3. POSITIVE, LASTING AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS THAT PERPETUATE THE HISTORY OF THE U.S. ARMY ADJUTANT GENERAL'S CORPS:

MG Jack C. Wheeler was an essential force multiplier during the downsizing of the Army in the early 1990s. While Commander of the United States Army Recruiting Command, he began the paradigm shift from the Vietnam draft Army to the modern era of volunteer recruits. After Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and during the downsizing of the Army, the accession requirement was actually increased by 10,000: from 65,000 to 75,000 new recruits annually. MG Wheeler significantly increased the selection requirements for initial enlistments by raising the percentage of recruited Soldiers with high school diplomas and lowering test category IV acceptances. MG

Wheeler's new requirements were more restrictive than any standing law or policy required at the time. Due to the higher recruiting standards implemented, USAREC enabled the manning of the "quality" all-volunteer Army with a continuous increase of higher class Soldiers. This new caliber of new recruits ultimately had a positive and lasting effect on the Army as a whole and as we know it today.

MG Wheeler also made a significant impact while serving as the Director of the Army's Enlisted Personnel Management Division, Total Army Personnel Agency. His untiring, hands-on efforts, coupled with his understanding of force management and technical expertise led a greater precision and projection of the Army's enlisted force and their requirements. He developed and initiated the Enlisted Distribution Assignment System (EDAS), a real time, interactive, automated system that supports the management of the Active component enlisted force still used today. With such accuracy and detail afforded by EDAS, MG Wheeler achieved higher enlisted readiness rates as well as greater force sustainment.

MG Wheeler was an exceptional officer within the Adjutant General's Corps who made considerable impacts not only within the Corps, but the Army as a whole. His leadership, ingenuity, and skills as an HR professional were critical during a turbulent period in the Army's history as it transitioned into the all-volunteer force that continues today.

SOURCE OF COMMISSION – ROTC

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED
The Adjutant General School - Basic and Advanced Courses
United States Army Command and General Staff College
United States Army War College

EDUCATION DEGREES
North Georgia College - BA Degree - History
Shippensburg State College - MA Degree - Public Administration

MAJOR DUTY ASSIGNMENTS
Jun 62 - Jul 62, Student, Adjutant General Officer Basic Course, The Adjutant General School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana

Jul 62 - Sep 64, Assistant Chief, later Chief, Military Personnel Actions Branch, 2d Administration Company, 2d Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Georgia

Sep 64 - Apr 66, Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, 2d Infantry Division, United States Army Korea

Apr 66 - Aug 66, Information Officer, 2d Administration Company, 2d Infantry Division, United States Army Korea

Aug 66 - Jan 67, Adjutant General Instructor, Adjutant General Subject Division, United States Army Adjutant General School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana

Jan 67 - Jun 67, Student, Adjutant General Officer Career Course, United States Army Adjutant General School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana

Jul 67 - Nov 68, Instructor, United States Army Adjutant General School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana

Nov 68 - Feb 69, Student, Defense Language Institute, Biggs Field, Fort Bliss, Texas

Feb 69 - Mar 70, Chief, Processing Detachment, later Chief Officer Management Branch, Replacement Division, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam

Mar 70 - Jul 70, Student, Plans and Operations Officer Course, United States Army Adjutant General School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana

Jul 70 - Jun 71, Student, United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Jun 71 - May 72, Personnel Staff Officer, Plans and Policy Branch, Procurement Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, United States Army, Washington, DC

May 72 - Jul 75, Personnel Staff Officer, Enlistment and Reenlistment Branch, Enlistment Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, United States Army, Washington, DC

Jul 75 - Mar 76, Assistant to the Director of the Army Staff, Office of the Chief of Staff, Army, Washington, DC

Mar 76 - May 78, Adjutant General, 1st Armored Division, United States Army Europe
Aug 78 Jun 79 Student, United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania

Jun 79 - Jun 84, Chief, Structure and Sustainment Branch, Enlisted Division, later Chief, Enlisted Division and later Chief, Professional Development Division, Military Personnel Management Directorate, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, United States Army, Washington, DC

Jul 84 - Sep 86, Commander, 8th Personnel Command and Adjutant General, United States Forces Korea/Eighth United States Army

Sep 86 - Sep 88, Director, Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate, Total Army Personnel Agency, Alexandria, Virginia

Sep 88 - Jun 89, Deputy Commanding General-West, United States Army Recruiting Command, Fort Sheridan

Jun 89 - Sep 92, Commanding General, United States Army Recruiting Command, Fort Sheridan, Illinois

Sep 92 - Sep 93, Commanding General, United States Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky

PROMOTIONS DATES OF APPOINTMENT
2LT – 22 May 62
1LT – 22 Nov 63
CPT – 30 Sep 65
MAJ – 25 Nov 68
LTC – 6 Jun 76
COL – 7 Aug 80
BG – 1 Nov 86
MG – 1 Oct 89

US DECORATIONS AND BADGES
Distinguished Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Clusters)
Legion of Merit (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Bronze Star Medal
Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Clusters)
Army Staff Identification Badge

SUMMARY OF JOINT DUTY ASSIGNMENTS:
Chief, Processing Detachment, later, Chief Officer Management Branch, Replacement Division, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, Feb 69 - Mar 70, Major