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

MAJOR GENERAL RONALD E. BROOKS
OFFICIAL DATE RETIRED: 30 SEPTEMBER 1995

1. LIST OF POSSIBLE SOURCES:

BG (Ret) Earl M. Simms
COL (Ret) Stephen C. Engelking
GOMO
COL (Ret) William R. Sweeney
COL (Ret) Jon D. Kindred
DA Records

2. NARRATIVE HIGHLIGHTS:

- MG Brooks transitioned and relocated the Soldier Support Center (SSC), Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN, to the Soldier Support Institute (SSI) at Fort Jackson, SC.
- MG Brooks increased Army-wide PSS participation and the creation of exercise Prairie Warrior.
- MG Brooks developed the force modular postal concept, which was approved by the CSA; and an MOU with sister services for movement to, and operation of, the Interservice Postal Training Activity.
- Five Personnel Services Battalions (PSBs) with modular capabilities were fielded within FORSCOM during MG Brooks' tenure as the SSC Commander.
- MG Brooks was instrumental in capitalizing on lessons learned from Operations Desert Shield / Storm; major work included fixing postal services for deployed troops, major rework of EO / sexual harassment training, and initiation of battle lab training to develop an automated Soldier ID system.
- MG Brooks served as Honorary Colonel of the Regiment for the Adjutant General's Corps from 1999 to 2008.

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

Throughout his distinguished military career, MG Ronald E. Brooks significantly contributed to perpetuating the history of the U.S. Army Adjutant General's Corps.

Among his many accomplishments, MG Brooks, under a Base Realignment and Closure mandate, disestablished the U.S. Army Soldier Support Center (SSC), Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN, and relocated the U.S. Army Soldier Support Institute (SSI) to Fort Jackson, SC. At the time of the move, MG Brooks executed the relocation or consolidation of the following schools to either Fort Jackson, or other BRAC locations: AG School, Finance School, Recruiting & Retention School and NCO Academy to Fort Jackson, SC; Soldier Physical Fitness School to Carlisle Barracks, PA; and the Computer Science, Community Activities and ROTC Schools were subsumed by other major Army commands. His leadership and exemplary execution in the relocation of the new SSI resulted in Fort Benjamin Harrison being identified as "the model BRAC installation" for the Army. His foresight and initiative ensured no AG courses were missed during the transition and family support continued on both ends of this historic move.

Specifically within the AG Corps, MG Brooks developed the plan to focus Personnel Services Support (PSS) efforts in Army advanced warfighting exercises resulting in increased Army-wide PSS participation and the creation of exercise Prairie Warrior. He moved forward on key personnel doctrine and training issues tied to FM 12-6, Personnel Doctrine; the force modular postal concept, which was approved by the CSA; and an MOU with sister services for movement to, and operation of, the Interservice Postal Training Activity. These actions further propelled the AG Corps as a modern 20th Century combat service support community.

Within the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) arena, MG Brooks directed the AG School's work on MWR guidance to MACOMs for use in the planning of effective field operations in Soldier support, which included the execution of a successful Force Provider test at Fort Bragg, NC. Five Personnel Services Battalions (PSBs) with modular capabilities were also fielded within FORSCOM during MG Brooks' tenure as the SSC Commander. The entire Army profited greatly from his mentorship in the development of these AG modernization projects.

MG Brooks was instrumental in capitalizing on lessons learned from Operations Desert Shield / Storm to develop appropriate doctrine, systems, force structure and automation to support emerging personnel concepts. Major work included fixing postal services for deployed troops, major rework of EO / sexual harassment training, and initiation of battle lab training to develop an automated Soldier ID system. As the Fort Benjamin Harrison post commander, MG Brooks also expertly orchestrated the execution of the reception, recognition, and demobilization of USAR and ARNG units and Soldiers from Operations Desert Shield / Storm. Additionally, he coordinated the plan to put civilians into our proponent system, and fixed shortcomings in unit Personnel Action Centers (PACs). He also seized upon Persian Gulf shortfalls to refocus PSS to deployed forces, further improving the AG Corps' ability to provide personnel services to the warfighter.

Prior to his duty as SSC CG, MG Brooks served as Director of EPMD, HRC and as PERSINCOM Commander. As EPMD Director, MG Brooks implemented computer-assisted control procedures which substantially improved the annual fill rate of more than 245,000 Total Army initial entry training seats. At every level, MG Brooks improved Army automated personnel systems, streamlining processes and procedures. MG Brooks was subsequently hand-picked to serve as the PERSINCOM Commander

because of his great technical abilities in Army personnel and information systems. As the Commander, PERSINCOM, MG Brooks spearheaded the transition to a fully modernized personnel information management system for MILPERCEN, named Project 80, setting the groundwork for modern Army automated personnel systems.

A few years after his retirement from the Army, MG Brooks was selected to serve as the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment for the Adjutant General's Corps. As Honorary Colonel from 1999 to 2008, MG Brooks continued to mentor the Corps' HR professionals, from junior enlisted to general officer, and was one of the Corps' strongest advocates in espousing its history and traditions of exemplary service to commanders, Soldiers and their families. MG Brooks is truly deserving of induction into the AG Corps Hall of Fame.

SOURCE OF COMMISSION – ROTC

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

EDUCATION DEGREES
East Tennessee State University - BS Degree - Business Administration
Butler University - MBA Degree - Business Administration

FOREIGN LANGUAGE – German

MAJOR DUTY ASSIGNMENTS
Jul 61 -Sep 61, Student, Infantry Officer Orientation Course, United States Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia

Sep 61 -Apr 63, Platoon Leader, Company B, 1st Battle Group, 87th Infantry, 2d Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Georgia

May 63 -Jun 63, Student, AG Officer Familiarization Course, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana

Jul 63 - Jun 64, Commander, Transfer Station, United States Army Personnel Center, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico

Jul 64 - Jun 65, Commander, Reception Station, United States Army Personnel Center, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico

Jun 65 - Apr 66, Operations Officer, United States Army Personnel Center, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico

May 66 - Mar 67, Personnel Officer, 5th Battalion, 31st Infantry, Fort Rucker, Alabama

Apr 67 - Apr 68, Administrative Officer, J-3, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam

May 68 - Jun 71, Assistant School Secretary, later School Secretary, Defense Information School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana

Jul 71 - Jun 72, Student, United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Jul 72 - Mar 73, Adjutant General, 1st Aviation Brigade, United States Army, Vietnam

Apr 73 - Aug 74, Student, Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana

Aug 74 - Feb 77, Chief, Management Division, Data Processing Department, later Director, Data Processing Department, United States Army Institute for Administration, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana

Feb 77 - Jul 78, Director, Computer Science Department, United States Army Administration Center, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana

Jul 78 - Jun 79, Adjutant General, 3d Infantry Division, United States Army Europe, Germany

Jun 79 - Jun 81, Commander, 22d Personnel and Administration Battalion, V Corps, United States Army Europe, Germany

Jun 81 - Jun 82, Student, United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania

Jun 82 - Jul 84, Commander, United States Army Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana

Jul 84 - Aug 85, Deputy Commandant, United States Army Soldier Support Institute, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana

Aug 85 - Oct 86, Director of Enlisted Personnel Management, United States Army Military Personnel Center, Alexandria, Virginia

Oct 86 - Oct 87, Commander, United States Army Personnel Information Systems Command, Alexandria, Virginia

Oct 87 - Jul 89, Commanding General, 1st Personnel Command, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany

Jul 89 - Aug 90, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany

Aug 90 - Sep 95, Commanding General, United States Army Soldier Support Center and Fort Benjamin Harrison, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana

PROMOTIONS DATES OF APPOINTMENT
2LT – 3 Jun 61
1LT – 3 Jun 64
CPT – 3 Jun 68
MAJ – 3 Jun 75
LTC – 15 Mar 82
COL – 1 Jun 82
BG – 1 Jul 86
MG – 1 Nov 89

US DECORATIONS AND BADGES
Distinguished Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster)
Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster)
Bronze Star Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Air Medal
Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)
Expert Infantryman Badge

SUMMARY OF JOINT DUTY ASSIGNMENTS
Administrative Officer, J-3, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, Apr 67 - Apr 68, Major
Assistant School Secretary, later School Secretary, Defense Information School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, May 68 - Jun 71, Major