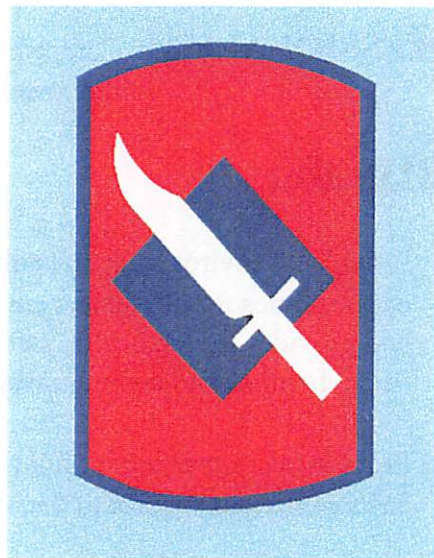


# **39th INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE)**

**Arkansas Army National Guard**

**Thirtieth Anniversary**

**1967 - 1997**



**“THE ARKANSAS BRIGADE”**

***CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR STATE AND NATION***

**6 December 1997**

**Earl T. Ricks Armory**

**Little Rock, Arkansas**

## **39TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE)**

**VISION:** To be the benchmark Infantry Brigade (Separate) for the XXI Century.

**MISSION:** The 39th Infantry Brigade provides trained and ready units, responsive to the needs of the nation, state and community.

**VALUES:** **INTEGRITY:** Honesty, Candor, Ethics, Morals

**COMMITMENT:** Loyalty, Caring, Trust

**PROFESSIONALISM:** Competence, Selfless Service, Empowerment, Stewardship

### **KEY BUSINESS DRIVERS:**

**Quality of Life:** Provide an environment and culture that promotes equal opportunities for all, fosters environmental stewardship and provides for the health, safety and fitness of the brigade force, families and communities.

**Organized:** Provide the proper mix of full time personnel and units to ensure efficient support to the nation, state and community.

**Staffed:** Recruit and retain quality soldiers to meet the end strength objectives required to produce a combat ready brigade.

**Equipped:** Acquire and distribute mission capable equipment to maximize readiness.

**Trained:** Develop and implement integrated training strategies to maximize training opportunities to obtain the optimum levels of readiness.

**Resourced:** Program and provide resources to maintain assets to ensure efficient support to the nation, state and community.

# **ORGANIZATION**

as of December 6, 1997

## **39th Infantry Brigade (Separate)**

Headquarters, Ricks Armory, Little Rock, Arkansas

**HHC (-), Little Rock**

Det 1, HHC, Beebe

Det 2, HHC, West Memphis

**239th MI Company, Perryville**

**Troop E, 151st Cavalry, Marianna**

Det 1, Troop E, 151st Cavalry, W. Helena

**239th Engineer Company (-), Clarksville**

Det 1, 239th Engineer Company, Booneville

### **1st Bn, 153rd Infantry**

HHC (-), Malvern

Det 1, HHC, Danville

Co A (-), Prescott

Det 1, Co A, Arkadelphia

Co B (-), Texarkana

Det 1, Co B, Hope

Co C (-), Mena

Det 1, Co C, DeQueen

Co D, Sheridan

### **2nd Bn, 153rd Infantry**

HHC (-), Searcy

Det 1, HHC, Wynne

Co A (-), Walnut Ridge

Det 1, Co A, Harrisburg

Co B (-), Batesville

Det 1, Co B, Augusta

Co C (-), Forrest City

Det 1, Co C, Brinkley

Co D, Newport

### **3rd Bn, 153rd Infantry**

HHC (-) Warren

Det 1, HHC, Monticello

Co A (-), El Dorado

Det 1, Co A, Crossett

Det 2, Co A, McGehee

Co B (-), Fordyce

Det 1, Co B, Camden

Co C (-), Pine Bluff

Det 1, Co C, Dumas

Co D, Magnolia

### **1st Bn, 206th Field Artillery**

HHSB (-), Russellville

Det 1, HHSB, CJTR, N. Little Rock

Battery A, Morrilton

Battery B, Paris

Battery C, Dardanelle

### **39th Support Battalion**

HHC (-), Hazen

Det 1, HHC, CJTR, N. Little Rock

Co A (-), Stuttgart

Det 1, Co A, DeWitt

Co B (-), Conway

Det 1, Co B, Heber Springs

Co C (-), Lonoke

Det 1, Co C, North Little Rock

## COUNTIES SERVED

The 39th Infantry Brigade currently has armories located in forty-one (41) counties:

Arkansas	Lee
Ashley	Logan
Bradley	Lonoke
Clark	Miller
Cleburne	Monroe
Columbia	Nevada
Conway	Ouachita
Crittenden	Perry
Cross	Phillips
Dallas	Poinsett
Desha	Polk
Drew	Pope
Faulkner	Prairie
Grant	Pulaski
Hempstead	Sevier
Hot Spring	St. Francis
Independence	Union
Jackson	White
Jefferson	Woodruff
Johnson	Yell
Lawrence	

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION -****39th Infantry Brigade (Separate)  
Fiscal Year ending September 30, 1996**

<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>City</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>City</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Arkansas	Dewitt	\$351,002	Lee	Marianna	\$829,428
	Stuttgart	\$842,891	Logan	Booneville	\$1,071,097
Ashley	Crossett	\$457,837		Paris	\$669,467
Bradley	Warren	\$2,230,528	Lonoke	Lonoke	\$392,225
Clark	Arkadelphia	\$453,171	Miller	Texarkana	\$441,860
Cleburne	Heber Springs	\$736,628	Monroe	Brinkley	\$443,576
Columbia	Magnolia	\$951,304	Nevada	Prescott	\$395,777
Conway	Morrilton	\$628,579	Ouachita	Camden	\$451,703
Crittenden	West Memphis	\$1,801,243	Perry	Perryville	\$387,258
Cross	Wynne	\$451,605	Phillips	West Helena	\$406,431
Dallas	Fordyce	\$408,919	Poinsett	Harrisburg	\$459,362
Desha	MeGehee	\$403,263	Polk	Mena	\$402,182
	Dumas	\$465,018	Pope	Russellville	\$2,284,784
Drew	Monticello	\$848,514	Prairie	Hazen	\$893,558
Faulkner	Conway	\$1,082,370	Pulaski	Little Rock	\$2,061,555
Grant	Sheridan	\$512,080		N. Little Rock	\$1,517,673
Hempstead	Hope	\$451,529	Sevier	Dequeen	\$450,662
Hot Spring	Malvern	\$1,871,908	St. Francis	Forrest City	\$461,047
Independence	Batesville	\$667,642	Union	El Dorado	\$407,388
Jackson	Newport	\$811,419	White	Beebe	\$417,516
Jefferson	Pine Bluff	\$1,232,031		Searcy	\$4,454,138
Johnson	Clarksville	\$667,029	Woodruff	Augusta	\$281,056
Lawrence	Walnut Ridge	\$405,008	Yell	Dardanelle	\$588,552
				Danville	\$424,286

**COMMANDERS -**

as of December 6, 1997

**39th Infantry Brigade (Separate)**

Headquarters, Ricks Armory, Little Rock, Arkansas

**COL (P) Walter A. Paulson, II, Commander**

**COL Ronald S. Chastain, Deputy Commander**

**Separate Companies**

HHC, MAJ Richard H. Walser

239th MI Co, CPT Ronald W. Baugh

Trp E, 151st Cav, CPT Ceburn M. Gilliam

239th En Co, CPT David G. Mears

**1st Bn, 153rd Infantry**

**LTC Carlon L. Smith**

HHC, CPT Almer L. Hadaway

Co A, CPT Kelly S. Oakes

Co B, CPT Bradley J. Cox

Co C, CPT William D. Soden

Co D, CPT Allen P. Hargis

**2nd Bn, 153rd Infantry**

**LTC Alvie L. Keaster**

HHC, CPT John S. Wilson, II

Co A, CPT Christopher S. Stanger

Co B, CPT William B. Norman

Co C, CPT Gordan McCoy

Co D, CPT Joseph C. Henderson

**3rd Bn, 153rd Infantry**

**LTC David A. Lively**

HHC, CPT Mark A. Smith

Co A, CPT James W. Mann

Co B, CPT Russell Mercer

Co C, CPT Ronnie D. Anderson

Co D, CPT Robert A. Carpenter

**1st Bn, 206th Field Artillery**

**LTC David S. Duncan**

HHSB, 1LT Marion A. Caldwell

Battery A, CPT Ronald L. Brazell

Battery B, CPT Damon N. Cluck

Battery C, CPT Tommy L. Osborn

**39th Support Battalion**

**LTC Charles H. Hunt, Jr.**

HHC, CPT Ardis C. Porter

Co A, CPT Dion M. Wilson

Co B, CPT Ricky S. Utley

Co C, CPT Angela R. Driskill

**39TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE)  
COMMAND AND STAFF  
1997**

**COL (P) WALTER A. PAULSON II.....COMMANDER**

**COL RONALD S. CHASTAIN.....DEPUTY COMMANDER**

**LTC DAVID B. SMITH.....EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**1LT MICHAEL A. ROBBINS.....AIDE-DE-CAMP**

**CSM HARRY L. WILSON, JR.....COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR**

**MAJ LARRY W. CURTIS.....S-1**

**MAJ LOUIS J. LANDRETH.....S-2**

**LTC MELVIN L. KAUFMAN.....S-3**

**CPT (P) RICKY D. MILLER.....S-4**

**LTC BURTHEL THOMAS.....S-5**

**LTC PHILLIP B. BOUDREAUX.....STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE**

**LTC JAMES A. RYAN, JR.....CHAPLAIN**

**MAJ LOGAN D. MOORE.....TRAINING OFFICER**

**MAJ WILLIAM S. CROSSEN.....PLANS OFFICER**

**MAJ FRED R. SAMPSON.....ASSISTANT S-3**

**CPT (P) BRIAN E. TATE.....PROVOST MARSHAL**

**MAJ HERBERT W. LAWRENCE.....COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS OFFICER**

**MAJ CHARLES K. SMITH.....INSPECTOR GENERAL**

**MAJ AUBRY D. COOK.....ENGINEER**

**MAJ ROBERT A. FITE.....FIRE SUPPORT OFFICER**

**GOVERNOR OF ARKANSAS  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD**

Honorable Mike Huckabee

**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF ARKANSAS**

Major General Don C. Morrow

**BRIGADE COMMANDER**

COL (P) Walter A. Paulson II  
1996 - Present

**FORMER BRIGADE COMMANDERS**

Major General Don C. Morrow  
1994-1996

Brigadier General Wesley V. Jacobs  
1990-1994

Major General Melvin C. Thrash  
1986-1990

Major General James A. Ryan  
1984-1986

Brigadier General Oliver W. "Dub" Myers  
1981-1984

Brigadier General John B. Webb\*  
1978-1981

Major General Harold L. Gwatney  
1973-1978

Major General Joseph R. Chappell, Jr.\*  
1971-1973

Brigadier General Dan Walker\*  
1967-1971

\*Deceased



## **39TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE)**

### **1996-97**

Following a highly successful and productive Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) rotation at Fort Polk, Louisiana in 1996, the 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate) returned to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas for Annual Training 1997 in June. Enlisting the aid of soldiers from the 34<sup>th</sup> Division of the Iowa Army National Guard as opposing forces, the three infantry battalions of the brigade underwent "lanes training" in which they were given specific objectives to seize within a specified geographic area.

Utilizing squad and platoon tactics learned at the JRTC, the battalions succeeded in seizing all their objectives. While the lanes training was taking place, the remainder of the brigade (except the 1st Battalion-206th Field Artillery ) was busy supporting the infantry battalions: Troop E, 151st Cavalry provided much needed intelligence information by conducting scouting and screen line operations; the 239th Military Intelligence Company took that information and developed an intelligence plan that showed the brigade commander and battalion commanders where the "enemy" was and what his strengths were; the 239th Engineer Company provided heavy equipment for clearing lanes and other tasks prior to the attack; and the 39th Support Battalion provided the necessary food, water, ammunition and medical support needed to conduct the operations.

The 1st Battalion-206th Field Artillery and the mortar squads from the infantry battalions were busy at Ft. Chaffee during Annual Training '97 conducting live-fire exercises. These exercises were especially important to the 1-206th because it allowed the certification of new gun crews recently assigned to the battalion after a reorganization moved it from Eastern Arkansas to West/Central Arkansas. As part of the reorganization the battalion received soldiers from the former 1st Battalion-233rd Air Defense Artillery.



*1st Sgt. Lonnie Gilbreath, Co A 2-153rd Inf, leads his troops in squad tactics*



*Photos by Staff Sgt. Tom Guminsky, HHC (-) 39th Inf Bde*

*Soldiers search an Opposing Force "enemy."*

***The 39th Inf Bde (Sep) recently deployed 3,000 soldiers, 1,000 vehicles and about 2,000 support personnel to Fort Polk, La. to participate in a rigorous Joint Readiness Training Center exercise.***

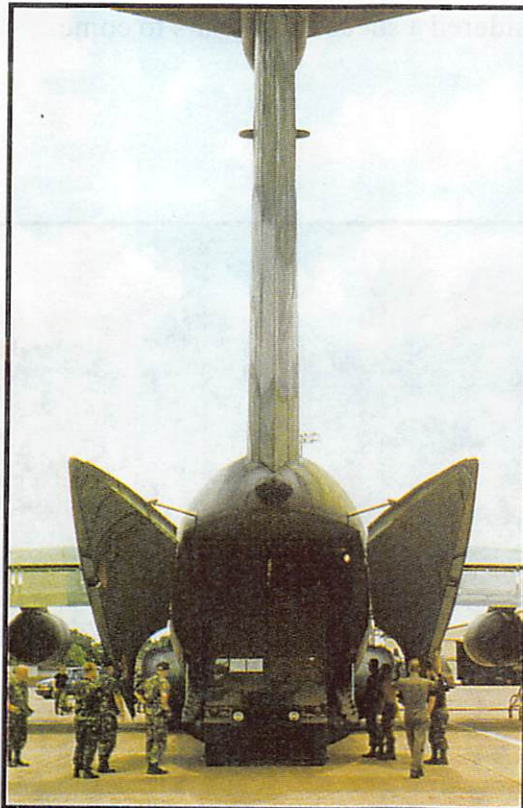
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# JRTC

**39th Infantry trains  
in international  
exercise**



*Support personnel at the Intermediate Staging Base provide laundry facilities for Brigade members.*



*Mobilization is the key. Troops offload a HUMMV from a C-141 at Alexandria International Airport.*



*A CH-47 Chinook brings supplies to troops on the ground.*



*Part of any mock battle is the care of "wounded" soldiers.*

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## 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate)

The 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate) completed one of the most intensive and exciting training years that can be accomplished by an Army National Guard unit. They participated as the main element of a rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) at Fort Polk, La.

JRTC is the premiere infantry training activity for all services, both active and reserve component. It offers rotational units an opportunity to conduct joint operations emphasizing contingency force missions. The major objective is to provide a tactical setting in which units can train as they will fight. The 39th began preparations by conducting two rotations of the JRTC Leader Training Program which is designed to prepare both brigade and battalion staff members for what is to come.

One of the most impressive aspects of this training was the size. More than 5,000 soldiers, airmen and Marines deployed to the site with thousands of pieces of equipment. Because each state does not have all the elements necessary to conduct this type exercise, the 39th received support from the Texas Army National Guard; Colorado Army National Guard; Iowa Army National Guard; United States Marine Corps Reserve; US Army; US Army Reserves; Louisiana Air National Guard; New York National Guard and even the Singapore Army.

This rotation for the 39th will be considered a success for years to come.



# Current News

## *Paulson commands 39th Inf Bde (Sep)*

Col. Walter A. Paulson replaced Maj. Gen. Don C. Morrow, recently, as commander of the 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate), following Governor Mike Huckabee's announcement that Morrow would become the new adjutant general.

With 49 units in 47 cities and towns throughout the state, the 39th Inf Bde (Sep) is the largest of the three major commands within the Arkansas Army National Guard. More than 3,000 men and women are assigned to this command.

Paulson began his military career as an ROTC cadet at the University of Central Arkansas at Conway and was commissioned a second lieutenant in May 1970. In 1972 he completed Rotary Wing Flight and was assigned to the 119th Aviation Company, U.S. Army. He was promoted to first lieutenant in January 1972. Paulson was promoted to captain in September 1974 and in May 1975 transferred to Headquarters, Arkansas Army National Guard.

He was first assigned to the 39th Inf Bde (-) in 1980 as the assistant personnel officer. He was promoted to major in June 1982. Following numerous duty assignments within the brigade, Paulson made lieutenant colonel in February 1988 and in September 1989 became commander of 1st Battalion 153rd Infantry, headquartered at Malvern.

In 1992 he was named executive officer for the brigade, and in 1993 commander of the 39th Support Battalion, headquartered at Hazen. In 1994 he was promoted to the rank of colonel and has served since

August 1996 as brigade deputy commander.

A 1966 graduate of Hot Springs High School, in 1970 he earned a bachelor of arts in English from UCA and in 1979 a juris doctor from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

His military education includes: Field Artillery Officer Basic Course; Rotary Wing Flight



**Paulson**

training; Defense Race Relations Institute; Infantry Officer Advance Course; Command and General Staff College; National Defense Management Course. Paulson is currently enrolled in the U.S. Army War College.

He has received the Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster; Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster; Army Achievement Medal; Army Aviator Badge; Army Service Rib-

bon; National Defense Service Medal and fourth award of the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal.

In civilian life Paulson is a partner with the Friday, Eldredge & Clark Law Firm at Little Rock. He is a member of the National Guard Associations of Arkansas and the United States; past board member, past chair, VOCALS, Pulaski County Arkansas Bar Association; member, past chair, Labor Law Section, Arkansas Bar Association; board member, past chair, University of Central Arkansas Foundation; board chairman, Southern Institute of Health Law; board member, past chair, Arkansas Affiliate, American Heart Association; vice president-Southern Region, National Board, American Heart Association; board member, Downtown Little Rock YMCA; board president, Youth Home, Inc.; member, Arkansas and American Bar Association; member, American Association of Hospital Attorneys; member, National Hospital Lawyers Association; member, St. James United Methodist Church; Board of Trustees, chairman, past curriculum and class chairman, Greater Little Rock Chamber of Commerce Leadership and past president and secretary, River City Cycling Association.

A native of Hot Springs, he is a son of the late Roy E. and Betty Paulson. He is married to the former Terry Clayton of Little Rock. Paulson has three children, Steve, 24, of Little Rock; Shay, 15, a student at Hall High School and Veronica, 13, a student at Dunbar Junior High School.

**1992** - Brigade conducts Annual Training at Fort Chaffee. Companies A, B, and C, 2nd battalion, 153rd Infantry deploy to Joint Task Force Bravo, Honduras in three separate rotations.

**1993** - Brigade conducts Annual Training at Fort Chaffee including Platoon Lanes training on the attach and ambush. Some companies performed OPFOR tasks.

**1994** - Annual Training at Fort Chaffee. Brigadier General Don C. Morrow assumes command of the brigade December 22, 1994.

**1995** - Annual Training at Fort Chaffee. Brigade staff participated in the Leadership Training Program at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

**1996** - The Brigade deployed to Fort Polk, Louisiana for annual training and Joint Readiness Training Exercise 96-08. Colonel Walter A. Paulson II assumes command of the brigade November 3, 1996.

The brigade undergoes a major reorganization and re-stationing. 5th Battalion, 206th Field Artillery is re-designated 1st Battalion, 206th Field Artillery and undergoes a major re-stationing plan, moving units from West Memphis, Harrisburg, Forrest City and Brinkley, to Russellville, Morrilton, Dardanelle and Paris. The 439th Signal Platoon at Perryville is de-activated and re-designated as the 239th Military Intelligence Company. The brigade's Military Police Platoon and Air Defense Artillery Platoon (Stinger) are relocated from Little Rock and Beebe, respectively to West Memphis.

**1997** - The Brigade celebrates 30 years of service to the state and nation.

**1987** - The brigade deployed by air and wheel to Fort Campbell, Kentucky to conduct Annual Training. Soldiers of the brigade participated in a mobilization exercise at Fort Chaffee and again traveled to Fort Bragg, North Carolina to hone its staff skills in command post exercise Saber Dragon II with the XVIII Airborne Corps.

The infantry battalions underwent reorganization which authorized the formation of the personnel administration center (PAC) at battalion level. The Brigade received the M60A3 tank and the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheel Vehicle under the equipment modernization program.

**1988** - The brigade deployed to annual training at Fort Chaffee. Two batteries of the 5-206th Field Artillery deployed to Southern Command for training. Members of companies B and C, 2nd Battalion, 153rd Infantry combined for a deployment by C-141 aircraft to the United Kingdom. Operation "GloWorm/Rattlesnake" was conducted at Camp Crickhowell, Wales hosted by members of the 5th Light Infantry English Citizen Soldiers. CPT Alvin L. Hall and 1SG Gary M. Johnston led the company.

**1989** - The brigade served as the verification unit for the Battle Projection Center at Fort Sam Houston while preparing a task force for training at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Chaffee. This training was to prepare the brigade for operations in a low and medium intensity conflict. 2nd Battalion, 153rd Infantry takes on the forces of the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas.

All battalions were reorganized under the L series MTOE. Capstone alignment was changed to the 9th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington.

Co C, 2-153rd Infantry trained at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma.

**1990** - Brigadier General Wesley V. Jacobs assumed command of the brigade.

Co A, 1-153rd Infantry, Co C, 3-153rd Infantry and Batteries A, B and C, 5-206th Field Artillery deployed to Honduras. The brigade held annual training at Fort Chaffee. Co C, 1-153rd Infantry trained in the United Kingdom. Companies A, B and C, 2-153rd Infantry, rotated through deployments to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma for Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) training. The brigade staff, participated in Saber Norse at Fort Lewis, Washington.

**1991** - Brigade conducts Annual Training at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. Selected individuals from 2nd battalion, 153rd Infantry deploy with 1st Battalion, 153rd Infantry to a SOUTHCOM rotation in Panama where they perform jungle operations. 3rd battalion and the remainder of 2nd battalion serve as Opposing Forces (OPFOR) at the Joint Readiness Training Center, being augmented to the 509th Airborne at Fort Chaffee.

Members of the brigade participated in an administrative and logistics staff training exercise - "Rockstone I".

New equipment was received under the equipment modernization plan. Training began in air deployment (Diamond Bowie II) to prepare for a larger movement and to enhance mobilization readiness.

1984 - The brigade participated in Ozark Dawn II, a joint exercise with units of the Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and the Marine Reserves. It marked the first time a National Guard unit was airlifted under mobilization conditions from home stations to annual training.

Brigadier General James A. Ryan assumed command of the brigade. The brigade received an augmentation of air weather personnel, the 154th Air Weather Flight. The brigade continued to train in air deployment at Fort Chaffee and continued to receive new equipment under the equipment modernization plan.

1985 - Co B, 3-153rd Infantry was selected to attend winter training at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin in February. 2-153rd Infantry was deployed to Fort Bragg, North Carolina by military aircraft and practiced air dropping equipment.

The 39th Support Battalion was reorganized and annual training was conducted at Fort Chaffee.

1986 - Brigadier General Melvin C. Thrash assumed command of the Brigade.

181 members of Co B, 1-153rd Infantry conducted annual training in Honduras. The brigade participated in command post exercise Saber Dragon with the XVIII Airborne Corps. This allowed the brigade to develop a relationship with the XVIII Airborne Corps and conduct plans for one of the largest deployments undertaken by an Army National Guard unit.

In July, the brigade began deployment to Fort Bragg, North Carolina via wheel, rail and air, in an effort to test its ability to deploy by all means available upon mobilization. This exercise involved deployment from home station directly to the field training site, the conduct of combat operations and re-deployment to home station.

Troop E, 151st Cavalry and Brigade HHC were reorganized. The brigade received its first issue of office automation equipment under the army reserve component automation system project.



the United States. Every day the Brigade was at Fort Chaffee, the temperature was over 100 degrees.

National Guard Bureau accelerated implementation of unit level nuclear, biological and chemical positions in the brigade's modified table of organization and equipment (MTOE).

Co B, 2-153rd Infantry was rated the top infantry company during annual training.

A new armory was completed at Marianna along with an organizational maintenance shop (OMS) for Service Battery, 5-206th Field Artillery.

Elements of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, trained with and supported brigade units in the conduct of individual and unit training programs. These programs provided commanders, staffs and troops valuable experience in conducting simulated combat operations.

The brigade offered GED classed to all personnel desiring a high school equivalency diploma while completing its first annual training period with 15 days in a field environment.

**1981** - Brigadier General Oliver W. "Dub" Myers was named Commander, 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate).

Co A (Walnut Ridge and Piggott), 2-153rd Infantry was selected to go to Great Britain to train with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers for annual training. They were deployed to Stanford, England and trained with the 4th (Vol) Battalion, Parachute Regiment in exercise "Volunteer Warrior/Hard Charger". CPT Gary N. Kinder and 1SG John W. Hogue led the company. In return, the United Kingdom deployed its 3rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers from Wales, to train with 2nd Battalion at Fort Chaffee.

**1982** - Troop E, 151st Cavalry, was selected to receive the Draper Award, symbolic of the top armor unit in army readiness and mobilization, region VIII.

In October members of the brigade traveled to Fort McClellan, Alabama to participate in the U.S. Army Chemical School. Units of the 39th Support Battalion, 5-206th Field Artillery, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd battalions, 153rd Infantry and the 439th Signal Platoon underwent reorganizations.

**1983** - Troop E, 151st Cavalry, was again selected to receive the Draper Award, symbolic of the top armor unit in army readiness and mobilization, region VIII. This marked the first time in the 60 year history of the award that one unit was selected for the award two years in succession.

## **BRIGADE EVENTS**

**1967** - Colonel Dan Walker was assigned as commander of the 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate) and promoted to Brigadier General effective December 1, 1967.

**1967-68** - Intensive small-unit training exercises designed to mold the newly reorganized units into competent and confident infantry teams. Special training allowances for extra drill were made resulting in the brigade achieving superior ratings earlier than projected. Dedication, desire and intense personal effort blended with skilled leadership made this training effective.

**1971** - December 6, 1971 Brigadier General Joseph R. Chappell, Jr. was appointed Commanding General, 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate).

**1972** - HHD, 39th Support Battalion won the Hulen Trophy for marksmanship.

**1973** - On November 1, 1973, Colonel Harold L. Gwatney was promoted to Brigadier General and assigned as Commander, 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate).

**1974** - 2nd Battalion, 153rd Infantry took part in an air deployment of troops from Fort Chaffee to Camp Robinson by C-130 Aircraft to meet an aggressor force from the 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Division in a field training exercise, then re-deploy by air back to Fort Chaffee to conclude Annual Training.

**1975** - During Annual Training, the 39th Support Battalion supplied and resupplied the 5-206th Field Artillery over a distance of 20 miles for two weeks by 100% use of air drops. This accomplishment was a first for a reserve component support unit.

The 3rd Battalion, 153rd Infantry was selected for special training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

**1976** - The 2nd Battalion, 153rd Infantry received the Reckord Award for the outstanding battalion of Readiness Region 7.

The 1st Battalion, 153rd Infantry was selected for specialized training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

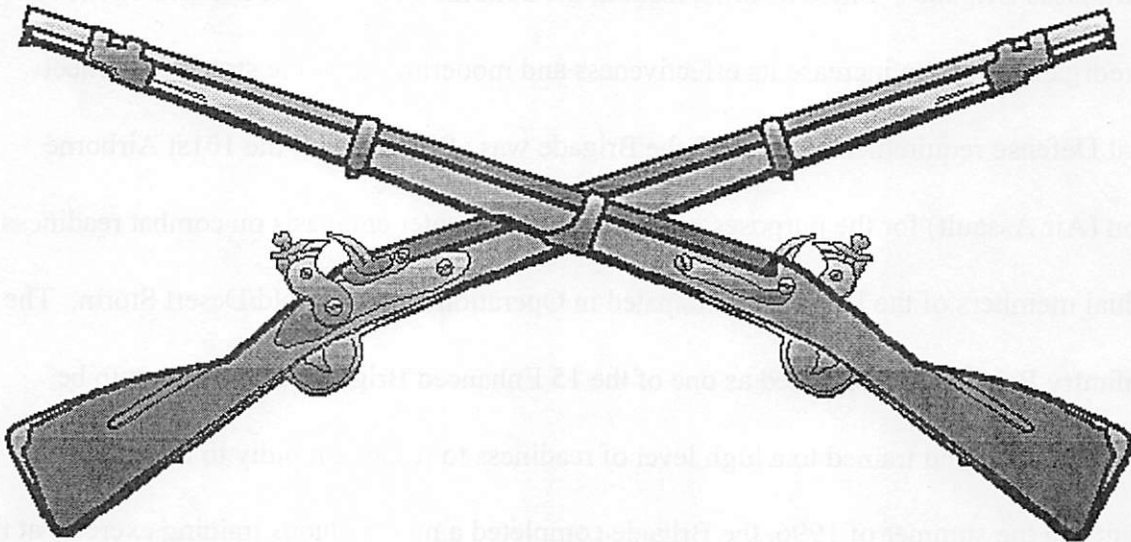
**1978** - Colonel John B. Webb, Jr. was assigned Brigade Commander, 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate) on March 1, 1978 and federally recognized as Brigadier General, Line, on August 28, 1978.

**1980** - Annual Training "Hot Camp" - Cuban Refugees - The brigade went to the field for two weeks due to Cuban refugees that were housed at Fort Chaffee pending relocation in

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE 39TH INFANTRY

The Brigade takes great pride in the fact that its units have proven to be vital during many crises in communities throughout the state. The officers and soldiers of the Brigade have responded to the call of the Governor all across the Great State of Arkansas, serving during emergencies such as floods, tornadoes, forest fires, ice storms and participating in searches for missing persons.

The most recent of these duties was our disaster relief response to the tornadoes that ravaged our state on March 1, 1997. The 39th Infantry Brigade embraces and accepts the challenges of the future with great anticipation, looking forward to the challenges of the 21st century.



## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE 39TH INFANTRY**

The 39th Infantry Division came into being on July 18, 1917, when the number was allocated to National Guardsmen from Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. On August 3, 1917, the unit organized for training at Camp Beauregard, Louisiana and was designated the 39th Division. After several reorganizations and participating in various capacities in World War I and World War II, the 39th Divisional Headquarters was reconstituted, organized and federally recognized on September 30, 1946 for Louisiana and August 26, 1947 for Arkansas. The 39th Division was designated as "The Delta Division".

The 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate) was formed upon reorganization of the Army National Guard on December 1, 1967. The Brigade participated in extra training from May of 1968 to September of 1969. The training was for certain Selected Reserve Component Forces to increase their readiness. In 1969 the Department of the Army designated the 39th Infantry Brigade as "The Arkansas Brigade". Since its organization, the 39th Infantry Brigade has undergone several minor reorganizations to increase its effectiveness and modernize its force structure to meet National Defense requirements. In 1973 the Brigade was affiliated with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) for the purposes of training and a greater emphasis on combat readiness. Individual members of the Brigade participated in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. The 39th Infantry Brigade is designated as one of the 15 Enhanced Brigades in the nation to be manned, equipped and trained to a high level of readiness to respond rapidly to the call of the President. In the summer of 1996, the Brigade completed a most arduous training exercise at the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, Louisiana.



## 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate) Shoulder Sleeve Insignia

**Description:** On a red shield arched at the top and base two inches in width overall a blue lozenge surmounted diagonally from upper left to lower right by a white Bowie knife, hilt down, all within a blue 1/8 inch border.

**Symbolism:** The Bowie knife alludes to “The Bowie State” a nickname used for Arkansas, home station of the Brigade. The Bowie knife, a weapon used for close fighting and implying hand-to-hand combat, is also indicative of the aggressive spirit of the Infantry. The lozenge or diamond refers to the unique aspect of the state as having the only diamond field in North America.

## 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate) Distinctive Unit Insignia

The stars stand for France, Spain, and the United States, the countries to which the Arkansas Territory belonged. The diamond shape was suggested by the state flag, while the wavy bar symbolizes the Arkansas River with the arrow referring to the Indian name, “Arkansa.” The green background represents the wooded hills of the Ouachita and the Ozark nation forest. The arrow in flight is used as a symbol of the brigade defending the state.

**Motto:** “COURAGE”

**Campaigns:** World War I

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CPT Travis P. Acklin  
CPT Harrell E. Clendenin  
CPT David P. Reinold  
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CPT Stephen A. Womack  
CPT Joey D. Brannon  
CPT Jerry C. Corrothers  
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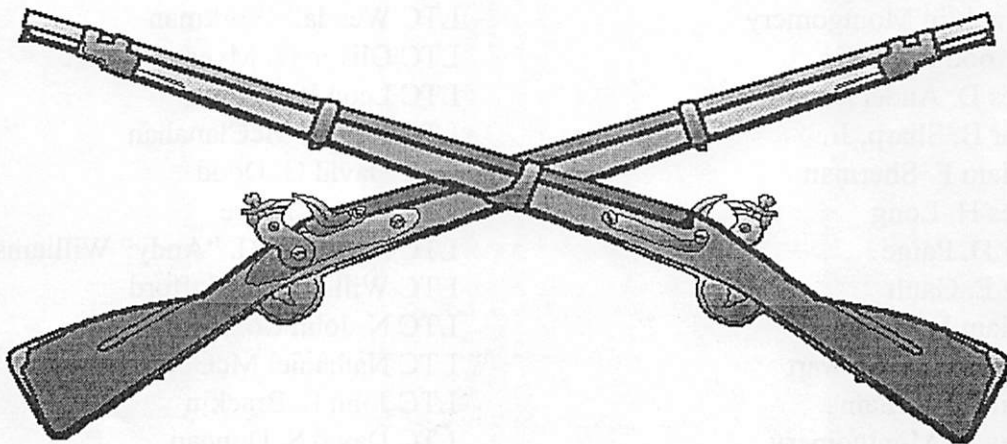
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### 39TH SUPPORT BATTALION

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### 1ST BN, 153RD INFANTRY

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LTC Melvin C. Thrash  
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LTC Thariel W. Scrozynski  
LTC Tom W. Thomas  
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LTC David B. Smith  
LTC Carlon L. Smith

### 2ND BN, 153RD INFANTRY

LTC Robert H. James  
LTC Harold L. Gwatney  
LTC E. Franklin Montgomery  
LTC Durwood F. Harris  
LTC James D. Anderson  
LTC Edgar B. Sharp, Jr.  
LTC William F. Sherman  
LTC James H. Long  
LTC Billy D. Paige  
LTC Billy F. Gault  
LTC William D. Young  
LTC Lawrence M. Stewart  
LTC Alvin R. Williams  
LTC James H. Montgomery  
LTC Edward W. Whitaker, Jr.  
LTC Alvie L. Keaster

### 3RD BN, 153RD INFANTRY

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LTC James C. Causey  
LTC Bernie S. Hargis, Jr.  
LTC James A. Ryan  
LTC William R. Clark  
LTC James M. Raper  
LTC Wesley V. Jacobs  
LTC Henry C. Butner  
LTC William C. Luce  
LTC Marion M. Glover  
LTC Roy T. Martin  
LTC Burthel Thomas  
LTC Kenneth H. "Fig" Newton  
LTC David A. Lively

### 1ST BN, 206TH FIELD ARTILLERY

LTC Paul B. Benham  
LTC John B. Webb, Jr.  
LTC Wendall Workman  
LTC Oliver W. Myers  
LTC Leon R. Camp  
LTC Ken O. McClanahan  
LTC David G. Dodd  
LTC Roy L. Rowe  
LTC Anderson H. "Andy" Williams III  
LTC William D. Wofford  
LTC N. John Cox, Jr.  
LTC Nathaniel McGee  
LTC John L. Brackin  
LTC David S. Duncan



**BRIGADIER GENERAL DAN WALKER**  
**COMMANDER, 39TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE)**  
**1967-1971**

Brigadier General Dan Walker was born on July 2, 1917 in Norcross, Georgia. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1940 receiving the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Civil Engineering.

General Walker received his commission as Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, in the Reserve Officer Corps upon graduation from the University of Florida. He was ordered to active duty at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he attended Field Artillery Training. Upon completion, he was transferred to Camp Bowie, Texas and assigned battery officer duties with the 2d Battalion, 142nd Field Artillery, which was subsequently redesignated as the 937th Field Artillery Battalion. He was appointed First Lieutenant on January 2, 1943 and served as Assistant Intelligence Officer and Intelligence Officer. The 937th Field Artillery Battalion sailed for Europe in August 1943 and General Walker was promoted to Captain on August 24, 1943. He served as Intelligence Officer, Service Battery Commander, and Assistant Operations and Training Officer with the 937th Field Artillery Battalion throughout the Foggia-Naples, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland and Central Europe Campaigns. On November 30, 1945 he returned to the United States and was released from active duty on February 26, 1946. He was assigned to the Officer Reserve Corps and promoted to Major effective December 2, 1946.

On January 6, 1947, General Walker joined the 437th Field Artillery Battalion, Arkansas National Guard, assigned as the Operations and Training Officer. He assumed command of the battalion on June 2, 1953 and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on September 4, 1953. General Walker was transferred to Headquarters, 39th Division Artillery on July 29, 1960 where he was assigned as Executive Officer and was promoted to Colonel on September 19, 1960. He assumed command of the 39th Division Artillery on May 1, 1963. On October 16, 1966 he was transferred to State Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Arkansas Army National Guard, assigned as Operations and Training Staff Officer. He was assigned as Commander of the 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate) on December 1, 1967 and promoted to Brigadier General effective that date.

General Walker's military education included the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, Command and General Staff College, Division Artillery Staff Officer Refresher and Infantry Staff Officer Refresher Course.

General Walker's awards and decorations included the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon, American Theater Campaign Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation (Germany) and Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

In his civilian career, General Walker was a Civil Engineer, serving as the Chief, Engineer Branch of Pine Bluff Resident Office, U.S. Corps of Engineer, Little Rock Engineer District. He was a member of the National Guard Association of the United States, National Society of Professional Engineers, Optimist Club, Sigma Tau (National Honorary Engineering Fraternity), and Lakeside Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He was married to the former Jean McConnell of Nashville, Arkansas. They had two sons, William Dan and David.

**MAJOR GENERAL JOSEPH R. CHAPPELL, JR.**  
**COMMANDER, 39TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE)**  
**1971-1973**

Major General Joseph R. Chappell was born on October 27, 1919 at McCrory, Arkansas. He completed ROTC training and received his bachelor of arts degree from Louisiana State University in 1942.

General Chappell was initially commissioned a second lieutenant in the Officer Reserve Corps on May 18, 1942. He entered active duty with the Army Air Corps July 1, 1942. He was promoted to first lieutenant (AUS) February 8, 1943, Captain (AUS), April 12, 1944 and Major (ORC) December 26, 1946. He was released from active duty January 29, 1946. On his release from active duty he was assigned to ORCAC. During his active duty period, General Chappell was assigned as assistant tactical officer, squadron commander, assistant training air officer, special projects officer, liaison officer and supervisor of liaison.

General Chappell accepted a commission as captain in the Arkansas National Guard on November 4, 1949 with assignment as liaison officer, 445th Field Artillery Battalion. . On November 16, 1951 he was promoted to Major and assigned as assistant operations officer and operations officer, 1951-1954. He served as battalion executive officer 1954-1955. On June 24, 1955 he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and assigned as Commander, 709th Field Artillery Battalion. He continued in command until 1966. In January 1966 he was transferred to Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Arkansas Army National Guard, assigned as Operations and Training Officer and promoted to Colonel. In March, 1966 he was assigned as Commander, 3d Brigade, 39th Infantry Division. When the 39th reorganized in 1967 he was appointed the Deputy Brigade Commander, 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate) where he served until December 1968. General Chappell was appointed Brigadier General, Line, on December 12, 1968 and assigned as Commanding General, State Headquarters. On December 6, 1971 he was appointed Commanding General, 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate). On November 1, 1973 General Chappell was appointed the Adjutant General, Arkansas National Guard and promoted to Major General.

General Chappell's military education included: Air Corps Tactical Officer Course, Field Artillery Basic and Advanced Officer Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Senior Field Artillery Officer Course, Armor Field Grade Refresher Course, and Infantry Staff Officer Refresher Course.

General Chappell's awards and decorations included the American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

In his civilian career, General Chappell was a planter and cotton buyer in Forrest City, Arkansas. He was a member of the Board of Trustees, Methodist Church; Chairman, Board of Stewards, Methodist Church; President Arkansas Missouri Cotton Trade Association; Member, Board of Directors, Shippers Association of American Cotton and Board of Directors, Chamber of Commerce, Forrest City, Arkansas.

**MAJOR GENERAL HAROLD L. GWATNEY  
COMMANDER, 39TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE)  
1973-1978**

Major General Harold L. Gwatney was born on August 17, 1929 at North Little Rock, Arkansas. He graduated from North Little Rock Senior High School in May 1947. He graduated from Draughon School of Business in 1949 and completed further studies in economics and management at Arkansas State University, Beebe and the University of Detroit Central, Detroit, Michigan.

General Gwatney began his military career in 1948, enlisting as a private in the Arkansas National Guard. He served for three years as an enlisted soldier and was promoted to sergeant. In January 1952 he was commissioned second lieutenant, ordnance, and assigned as assistant maintenance officer, 739th Ordnance Maintenance Company.

General Gwatney served in a variety of command and staff positions, including: Commander, Company A and Company B, 739th Ordnance Battalion; Assistant G3, 39th Infantry Division; Commander, 3d Battalion, 153d Infantry and Commander, 2d Battalion, 153d Infantry; S-3, Executive Officer and Deputy Commander, 39th Infantry Brigade. On November 1, 1973 he was promoted to brigadier general and assigned as Commander, 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate).

General Gwatney's military education includes: U.S. Army Ordnance School, U.S. Army Adjutant General School, Infantry Officer Career Course, DOD Industrial College National Security Management Course, Command and General Staff Officer Course, Armed Forces Staff College, and U.S. Army War College.

General Gwatney's awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

On September 24, 1981, General Gwatney was promoted to Major General and named the Adjutant General, Arkansas National Guard.

In his civilian career, General Gwatney serves as President, Harold Gwatney Chevrolet Company; Chairman of the Board, Citizens National Bank of Jacksonville; President, Harold Gwatney Realty Company and President of DALCO Investment Firm. He also served as a member of the Little Rock Area Advisory Council, Small Business Administration; Advisory Board of the Salvation Army; Chairman, Political Affairs Committee, Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce; National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and President, Jacksonville Rotary Club.

General Gwatney is married to the former Syble Whitworth and they reside in Jacksonville, Arkansas.

**BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN B. WEBB, JR.**  
**COMMANDER, 39TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE)**  
**1978-1981**

Brigadier General John B. Webb, Jr. enlisted in the Arkansas Army National Guard in September 1947 and was appointed Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery on March 1, 1951. He served at Headquarters, 39th Division Artillery. In 1952 he was assigned as the Artillery Battalion Reconnaissance and Survey Officer and he rejoined Headquarters in 1953 as the Intelligence Officer. In December of 1956 he was reassigned to Headquarters, 39th Infantry Division as Administrative Assistant (AG).

General Webb became the Assistant S-3 in June of 1959. He served on other 39th Division positions, including Intelligence Officer and Adjutant until 1967, when he was assigned as Assistant Chief of Staff, Emergency Operations Headquarters. He was then assigned to Headquarters, 39th Infantry Brigade as the Civil Affairs Officer in March, 1959. In June of 1969, he assumed command of the 5th Battalion, 206th Field Artillery and stayed there until he returned to the 39th in January of 1972. He served as the 39th Brigade Operations Officer until April 1974, when he was named Deputy Commander, 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate). He later served as the Assistant Director of Readiness, Headquarters, Arkansas Army National Guard, and as Commandant of the Arkansas Military Academy. He was assigned Brigade Commander, 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate) on March 1, 1978 and was federally recognized as Brigadier General, Line, on August 28, 1978.

General Webb's military education includes the Field Artillery Battery Officers Course, Special Weapons Course, Air Ground School, Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College, National Security Management Course, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Senior Officer Preventive Maintenance Course, United States Army War College, National Defense University Defense Strategy Seminar, Air Assault School and United States Army War College Senior Reserve Component Course.

General Webb's awards and decorations include: Army commendation Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal and the Air Assault Badge.

General Webb was a member of the National Guard Association of the United States, the National Guard Association of Arkansas, Pulaski Heights Lodge 673 Free and Accepted Masons, and Trinity Methodist Church in Little Rock.

**BRIGADIER GENERAL OLIVER W. "DUB" MYERS  
COMMANDER, 39TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE)  
1981-1984**

Brigadier General Oliver W. "Dub" Myers was born at Forrest City, Arkansas. He graduated from Forrest City High School. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Lyons College in Batesville, Arkansas.

Brigadier General Myers' military education includes completion of the United States Army Field Artillery School Basic and Advanced Officer Courses; United States Army Command and General Staff College; the Command and General Staff Officer Refresher Course (Separate Brigade), United States Army Infantry School Field Grade Officer Refresher Course, Infantry Commander and Staff Officer Course and the 1984 Infantry Course, United States Army Engineer School Officer Advanced Course and the United States Army War College Senior Reserve Officer Course.

Brigadier General Myers enlisted in Battery B, 445th Field Artillery Battalion in September, 1947 and served until discharged by reason of change of residence in May, 1949. He reenlisted in March, 1952 and on July 18, 1952 was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery with assignment as Reconnaissance and Survey Officer, Battery B, 445th Field Artillery Battalion.

In February, 1953 he was ordered to extended active duty and served in Korea with Battery C, 555th Field Artillery Battalion from September, 1953 to November, 1954. Upon release from active duty he was reassigned to the Arkansas Army National Guard.

Key assignments in the Arkansas Army National Guard included duty as S-1, S-3 and Executive Officer of the 4th Howitzer Battalion, 142nd Artillery; Executive Officer of the 875th Engineer Battalion; Commander of the 5th Battalion, 206th Field Artillery; and Executive Officer, Deputy Commander and Commander of the 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate). He was federally recognized as Brigadier General on August 5, 1982 and was designated as Deputy State Area Command (STARC) Commander on July 23, 1984.

Brigadier General Myers is a past president of the National Guard Association of Arkansas, the Paragould and Jacksonville Rotary Clubs, Association of the United States Army - Arkansas Chapter and the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce. He has also served on the Board of the United Way of Pulaski County; as Military Affairs Chairman for the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce and as an elder in the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Masons, Elks, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Arkansas Football Officials Association, Arkansas Basketball Officials Association and the Community Council of Little Rock Air Force Base and serves on the Board of the Jacksonville Boys and Girls Club. He is Community Relations Manager for Gwatney Chevrolet.

Brigadier General Myers resides in Jacksonville with his wife, Billie Ann (Page). They are the parents of two daughters, Lee Ann and Olivia. He served as the thirty-fourth President of the National Guard Association of Arkansas 1974-75.

**MAJOR GENERAL JAMES A. "JACK" RYAN**  
**COMMANDER, 39TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE)**  
**1984 - 1986**

James A. (Jack) Ryan was born near Gurdon, Arkansas on December 4, 1929. He graduated from Arkadelphia High School in 1947 and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. His military education includes the Army Command and General Staff College, the Army War College, and the Harvard University Executive Program in National and International Security.

General Ryan began his military career on June 14, 1948, by enlisting in the Arkansas Army National Guard. On May 9, 1952, he was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry, and has served successively in various command and staff positions from 1952 to 1974.

In September 1974 he assumed command of 3d Battalion, 153d Infantry. In 1976 he served as Operations Officer of the 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate), then as Brigade Executive Officer. In 1978 he was reassigned to State Headquarters, Arkansas National Guard, where he was Chief of Staff of the Arkansas Army National Guard until his reassignment to Deputy Commander of State Area Command and was promoted to Brigadier General of the Line on September 3, 1983. In July 1984 he was named Commander of the 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate). He was appointed The Adjutant General of Arkansas on July 9, 1986 and promoted to Major General.

General Ryan was selected by President Clinton to serve as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs on September 27, 1993. In this position he served as the principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense on all Reserve Component matters. General Ryan retired from the Defense Department on September 16, 1994.

General Ryan is a former member of the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee in Washington, D.C. He served as Vice President (Army) of the National Guard Association of the United States, a member of the Council of Trustees of the Association of the United States Army, the Adjutants General Association of the United States, a member of the National Guard Association of Arkansas, Rotary International, a member of the Advisory Board, Quapaw Area Scout council and a former State Co-Chairman of United Cerebral Palsy.

General Ryan has been awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service, the Army Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (with oak leaf cluster), the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with three hourglass devices), the Army Service Ribbon, the Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, the Arkansas Commendation Medal, and the National Guard Association Distinguished Service Medal.

General Ryan is married to the former Alice Lee Farney. They have four children: James A. Jr., Barbara, Patricia, and John Patrick. General Ryan resides in Little Rock, Arkansas.

**MAJOR GENERAL MELVIN C. THRASH  
COMMANDER, 39TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE)  
1986 - 1990**

Major General Melvin C. Thrash was born on May 1, 1932, in Glenwood, Arkansas. He graduated from Hope High School, Hope, Arkansas in 1950 and received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas in 1954. In 1959 he was awarded a master of business administration degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

General Thrash began his military career on May 31, 1954 when he was commissioned a second lieutenant, infantry, upon graduation from Reserve Officer Training Corps Program at Ouachita Baptist College as a distinguished military graduate. He was released from active duty in November 1957, and in July 1960, he joined the Arkansas Army National Guard.

General Thrash received federal recognition as a brigadier general, Adjutant General's Corps, on July 1, 1985. He was named commander of the 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate) and federally recognized as a brigadier general, Line, July 1986.

General Thrash was appointed as The Adjutant General, Arkansas National Guard, on September 21, 1993 and received federal recognition as a major general on June 20, 1995.

General Thrash has received the following awards and decorations: Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two Hourglasses and the Army Service Ribbon.

General Thrash lives in North Little Rock, Arkansas with his wife, the former Rose Mary Holt of Sylvan Hills, Arkansas. They have two daughters, Mrs. Pamela R. (Thrash) Holt and Miss Andrea L. Thrash.

**BRIGADIER GENERAL WESLEY V. JACOBS**  
**COMMANDER, 39TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE)**  
**1990-1994**

Brigadier General Wesley V. Jacobs was born in Glendale, Arkansas on December 21, 1934. He was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Southern Arkansas University in May of 1956. He also holds a Master Degree in Education from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. His military education includes completion of the Armor School Basic Course, the Infantry School Advanced Course, the Command and General Staff College, the Infantry Commanders and Staff Officer Course, the Senior Officers Preventive Logistics Course the United States Air Force Joint Firepower Control Course, the United States Air Force Command, Counter and Communication Countermeasures Course, and the Strategic Mobility Planning Course.

General Jacobs served in a variety of command and staff positions prior to his assignment as Commander, 39th Infantry Brigade. From July 1962 to January 1967 he served with Company E, 1-206th Tank Battalion, first as Platoon Leader and later as Executive Officer. He then became Company Commander of Company A, 2-206th Tank Battalion, In November 1968 he began an assignment as Company Commander, Company C, 3rd Battalion, 153rd Infantry and served in this position until August 1973. The next six years encompassed several positions with the 39th Infantry Brigade including S-1, 3-153rd Infantry, S-3 Air, 3-153rd Infantry, Assistant S-3, HHC (-), 2-153rd Infantry, and S-3 HHC (-), 3-153rd Infantry. In August, 1979 he became Command, 455th Transportation Battalion. From August 1981 until June 1985 he served as Commander, 3-153rd Infantry. Next he was assigned as Superintendent, Arkansas Military Academy from July 1985 until October 1988. He was again assigned to the 39th Infantry Brigade as the Deputy Commander from October 1988 to June 1990. In June 1990, he attained the position as Commander, 39th Infantry Brigade.

General Jacobs' awards and decoration include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, and the Expert Infantryman's Badge.

General Jacobs is married to the former Janice S. Smith from Camden, Arkansas. They presently reside in McGehee, Arkansas, where General Jacobs retired as a Secondary School Administrator. They have three daughters, Sheri, Suzanne, and Beth.



**MAJOR GENERAL DON C. MORROW**  
**COMMANDER, 39TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE)**  
**1994 - 1996**

Major General Don C. Morrow is a native of Perryville, Arkansas. He was born in Hollis, Arkansas on June 23, 1942. He graduated from Perryville High School in 1960. He enlisted in the Arkansas Army National Guard on January 26, 1963 and was commissioned Second Lieutenant, Ordnance, upon graduation from the Arkansas Military Academy on July 15, 1965. General Morrow received his bachelor of science degree in accounting from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1973 and was awarded the Master of Business Administration Degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1979.

General Morrow's assignments include Shop Officer, Supply Platoon Leader and Platoon Leader in Headquarters and Company A of the 739th Maintenance Battalion of the old 39th Infantry Division; Platoon Leader, Shop Officer, Assistant Brigade Maintenance Officer, Commander, Company D, Brigade Ammunition Officer, and Battalion S-4 of the 39th Support Battalion; Security, Plans and Operations Officer of the 25th Support Center, Rear Area Operations, 5th U.S. Army; Executive Officer and Commander of the 217th Maintenance Battalion, 142nd Field Artillery Brigade; Garrison Commander, Installation Support Unit, Camp Joseph T. Robinson; Special Projects Officer and State Safety Officer, State Area Command.

General Morrow was named Commander, 39th Infantry Brigade on December 22, 1994 and was federally recognized as a Brigadier General, Line, on October 1, 1995.

General Morrow was appointed as The Adjutant General, Arkansas National Guard on November 3, 1996, and received federal recognition as a Major General, Line, on September 30, 1997.

General Morrow is a graduate of the Ordnance Officer Basic Course, 1969; Ordnance Officer Advanced Course, 1973; Command and General Staff Officer Course, 1979; National Security Management Course, 1983; and the United States Army War College, 1989.

General Morrow's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Gold Hourglass, Army Service Ribbon, and the Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon with Arabic Numeral 4. State awards include the Arkansas Distinguished Service Medal, Arkansas Service Ribbon, and the Arkansas Emergency Service Ribbon.

General Morrow lives in Little Rock, Arkansas with his wife, the former Linda L. Langston of Bigelow, Arkansas. They have two daughters, Mrs. Mary "Missy" Albini and Mrs. Donna Nail. General Morrow retired as Manager of the Little Rock Municipal Water Works to assume the duties of the Adjutant General, Arkansas National Guard on November 3, 1996.

**COLONEL (P) WALTER A. PAULSON II**  
**COMMANDER, 39TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE)**

**1996 - Present**

Colonel Walter A. Paulson II is a native of Hot Springs, Arkansas. He began his military career as an ROTC cadet at the University of Central Arkansas and was commissioned in May 1970. He entered Active Service with the United States Army in September 1970 and continued on Active duty until February 1975.

Colonel Paulson's assignments include Field Artillery Information Officer; Rotary Wing Pilot of the 199th Aviation Company; Race Relations and Equal Opportunity Officer for State Area Command (STARC), Arkansas Army National Guard; Assistant S-1 and Inspector General for 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate); S2/S3 and Executive Officer, 39th Support Battalion; Adjutant General, 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate); Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion, 153rd Infantry; Command Program Support Officer, STARC; Executive Officer, 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate); Commander, 1st Battalion, 153rd Infantry; Mobilization Officer and State Marksmanship Coordinator, STARC; Executive Officer, 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate); Commander, 39th Support Battalion; Inspector General, STARC; and Deputy Commanding Officer, 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate).

Colonel Paulson earned his Bachelor of Arts in English in 1970 from the University of Central Arkansas and his Juris Doctorate in 1979 from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He is a 1997 graduate of the United States Army War College.

Colonel Paulson's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (4th award), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Silver Hourglass, Army Service Ribbon, and the Army Aviator Badge. State awards include the Arkansas Commendation Medal, the Arkansas Service Ribbon, and the Arkansas Emergency Service Ribbon.

Colonel Paulson is a Partner with the Friday, Eldridge and Clark Law Firm in Little Rock. He practices extensively in hospital law, including regulatory, Medicare/Medicaid, general operations, litigation of hospital privileges and hospital antitrust and general civil and commercial matters. A member of various Bar Associations, Colonel Paulson is a former President of the Labor and Employment Law Section and is a founding member of the Hospital Law Committee of the Arkansas Bar Association. He served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Southern Institute of Health Law and is a member of the American Academy of Hospital Attorneys. He is currently listed in "Best Lawyers in America" for both labor and healthcare law.

Colonel Paulson serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Leadership Program for the Greater Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, where he also serves on various committees. He serves as President of the Board of Directors of Youth Home, Inc., is past Chairman of the Arkansas Affiliate of the American Heart Association and is currently a vice-president on the National Board of the American Heart Association. He is also a former board member and Chairman, VOCALS, Pulaski Bar Association, and is a board member and former Chairman of the University of Central Arkansas Foundation.

Colonel Paulson and his wife Terry reside in Little Rock, Arkansas. Colonel Paulson has three children, Stephen, Shay and Veronica.