

**LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN J. DAVIS**  
**US Army, Retired (Deceased)**



LTG Davis graduated from West Point in 1931 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery Corps. During World War II, he commanded the 244<sup>th</sup> 155mm Gun Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Army, under General George S. Patton. For the two years after World War II, he was an instructor at the Field Artillery School.

LTG Davis began his intelligence career after graduating from the Strategic Intelligence School and then serving as an Army Attaché to the Union of South Africa from 1949-1952. After graduating from the Army War College, he served as the Director for Plans and Policy at the National Security Agency (NSA). He then served in several Artillery assignments before returning to Military Intelligence in 1957 as the Assistant Chief for Foreign Intelligence in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff

for Intelligence (OACSI). From 1961 to 1965, he was the Assistant Director for Production at NSA and then returned to the OACSI to serve as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence for the next two years. From 1967-1970, he served as the Assistant Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency where he was the chief military advisor on the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) I and II.

LTG Davis retired in 1970 after 39 years devoting his energy and knowledge tirelessly to his soldiers, Military Intelligence, the Army, and the United States. His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Air Medal (2 awards), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and several foreign awards.

LTG Davis was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1988. He passed away in August 1997.