

MAJOR GENERAL JAMES E. FREEZE

US Army, Retired



MG James Freeze, the first US Army cryptologic officer to be selected for promotion to general officer, rose from Private to Major General during his 32 years in uniform. He spent his three years of enlisted service with the US Army Security Agency (USASA) and was promoted to Sergeant First Class. MG Freeze received his commission through Officer Candidate School in 1952. His military service was primarily devoted to the intelligence and electronic warfare disciplines.

During his career, MG Freeze was instrumental in formulating US Army concepts and doctrine related to the conduct of tactical intelligence and electronic warfare. He commanded tactical Intelligence and Electronic Warfare (IEW) units in both peace and war. His distinguished career as an intelligence officer included service as

Commander, 303rd Radio Research Battalion, Vietnam; Commander, USASA Combat Developments Activity; Commander, 502nd ASA Group, Europe; Deputy Commanding General, USASA; Commanding General, USASA; Deputy Commanding General, US Army Intelligence and Security Command; Assistant Deputy Director, National Security Agency; and Deputy Chief, Central Security Service.

MG Freeze retired from active duty in 1981 at Fort Meade, Maryland. His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Bronze Star Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), and the Army Commendation Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster).

MG Freeze was selected as a Distinguished Member of the MI Corps in 1987 and subsequently inducted into the Hall of Fame the following year.