

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT L. HALVERSON

US Army, Retired



MG Halverson began his military career on 9 August 1963 as an Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Distinguished Military Graduate. His first assignment was as an Assistant Platoon Leader for Company A, 303rd US Army Security Agency (ASA) Battalion. After holding successive company-grade staff positions as a Lieutenant, he became the Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, ASA Field Station, Herzo Base, Germany. In May 1968, he was transferred to the Republic of Vietnam where he served as an Intelligence Advisor in the I Corps Tactical Zone.

In January 1971, he moved to Headquarters, ASA, in Arlington, Virginia, where he served in several key staff positions. In September 1974, MG Halverson was ordered to Fort Hood, Texas, where he became the S3 of the

303rd ASA Battalion. His final active duty assignment was to serve as Commander, Special Liaison Office, Headquarters, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Brussels, Belgium from July 1977 through January 1979.

Upon leaving active duty in 1979, MG Halverson entered the US Army Reserve (USAR). In October 1985, he transferred to the Texas Army National Guard (ARNG) assigned to Headquarters, State Area Command (STARC). He became the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence (G2) for the 49th Armored Division in May 1988. After completing this assignment, he transferred back to STARC, where he successively served as Chief of Military Support; Chief of Mobilization and Readiness; Chief of Plans, Operations, and Training; and finally as Deputy Assistant Adjutant General.

In October 1994, he returned to the 49th Armored Division as the Chief of Staff, and then transferred to the position of Chief of Staff, 71st Troop Command in April 1995. He became Deputy Commander, 71st Troop Command, in April 1996.

In August 1997, then BG Halverson, became the Deputy Commander for Support, 49th Armored Division. Promoted to MG, he assumed command of the 49th Armored Division in September 1998. From March until October 2000, MG Halverson commanded Multi-National Division (North), Stabilization Force 7 located in Bosnia-Herzegovina

encompassing the 49th Division Headquarters, Signal Battalion, and Engineer elements, as well as the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment (ACR). Upon his return to Texas, he continued his command of the 49th Armored Division during mobilization for airport security throughout Texas and security of sites in multiple states following the 11 September 2001 terrorist attack on the United States.

MG Halverson concluded his military career in March 2002. Following retirement, he continued to serve as a mentor for other National Guard division and brigade commanders preparing for peacekeeping missions in Bosnia-Herzegovina, including the 29th Division (Maryland), 28th Division (Pennsylvania), 35th Division (Kansas), 34th Division (Minnesota), and 38th Division (Indiana).

MG Halverson's awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal, and the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters).

MG Halverson was inducted into the MI Hall of Fame in 2006.