

LIEUTENANT GENERAL PATRICK M. HUGHES

US Army, Retired



Born and raised in Montana, LTG Hughes joined the Army as a Private on 2 January 1962. Serving from January 1962 until 1965 SPC Hughes was assigned as a combat medic. In 1965 SP5 Hughes, who remained in the US Army Reserve, returned to Bozeman to attend Montana State University as a student in the College of Business. After joining the Army ROTC program in 1966 2LT Hughes received his commission in the Regular Army, Infantry in June 1968 and graduated as a Distinguished Military Student, a Distinguished Military Graduate, and as a graduate of the Army Aviation Program.

Once promoted to Captain, Hughes transferred from Infantry to Military Intelligence (MI). His first MI assignment involved returning to Vietnam for one year as the Province Phung Hoang (Phoenix Program) Advisor and

Province Intelligence Advisor on Advisory Team 49, Long Khanh Province, Military Region III. During this period, CPT Hughes worked with the Police Special Branch and the Provincial Reconnaissance Unit against the Viet Cong infrastructure.

CPT Hughes attended the MI Advance Course at Fort Huachuca. In 1973, he served as first the Deputy and then the Commander of the Special Security Office at Camp Zama, Japan. In 1977, newly promoted MAJ Hughes served as Foreign Liaison Officer and Intelligence Doctrine and Special Activities Staff Officer before being assigned as Intelligence Assistant to the Director of the Army Staff. From 1981 to 1986, first MAJ, then LTC Hughes served in a variety of positions at Fort Lewis, Washington, including Executive Officer of the 109th MI Battalion (Combat Electronic Warfare and Intelligence [CEWI]); Commander of the 9th Operational Support Detachment, 9th Infantry Division; G2, 9th Infantry Division; and Commander of the 109th MI Battalion (CEWI). This period included leading edge conceptual work and the development, acquisition, and testing of MI and Army operational equipment and advanced operational concepts, including light, fast-attack vehicles and light armored vehicles, long-range electro-optics, a surrogate unmanned aerial vehicle, the application of robotics to battlefield operations, the integration of automation into tactical intelligence operations, development and testing of tactical and operational deception capabilities, the inception of divisional long-range, on-the-ground reconnaissance in the MI Battalion, direct support MI Companies, and numerous other doctrinal and equipment innovations.

After two years as a Fellow at the School of Advanced Military Studies, then COL Hughes went to Korea in 1988 to command the 501st MI Brigade. He also served as Executive Officer to the Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/US Forces Korea. His tour in Korea included direct involvement with the 1988 Seoul Olympics and numerous operations with South Korean intelligence services. Selected for Brigadier General in 1991, BG Hughes' next command was for the US Army Intelligence Agency during Operations DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM. This led to his selection as Director of Intelligence, J2, US Central Command in Tampa, Florida and subsequently as Director of Intelligence, J2, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) at the Pentagon. In 1996, LTG Hughes became the Director of the DIA, and de facto Director of Military Intelligence for DoD, managing the General Defense Intelligence Program, and Central Measurement and Signature Intelligence (MASINT) programs for the US Intelligence Community.

LTG Hughes retired from the United States Army on 1 October 1999. LTG Hughes' awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (3 awards), Silver Star, Legion of Merit (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star for Valor in Combat (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Bronze Star for Meritorious Service (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal for Valor, Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service, and Army Good Conduct Medal. He also has numerous foreign awards including the Honor Medal (first class) and the Cross of Gallantry with Silver and Bronze Stars (Republic of South Vietnam), Order of National Security Merit Gugseon Medal (Korea), Samil Medal and the National Police Cooperation Medal (Korea), Cross of Merit, First Degree (Czech Republic), Iron Cross of the Bundeswehr in Gold (Germany), Order of Merit Officer's Cross (Hungary), Armed Forces Gold Medal (Slovenia), and Honor Medal for Merit in Military Intelligence Operations (Venezuela).

LTG Hughes was inducted into the MI Hall of Fame in 2001.





Pacific Region Commander's Conference – Hawaii, July 1974.
CPT Hughes is third from the left.



LTG Hughes as the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency