

## **MAJOR GENERAL RODERICK J. ISLER**

### **US Army, Retired**



MG Roderick Isler is a native of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Prior to being commissioned, MG Isler enlisted in the Army and served for two and a half years. In August 1971, he was selected for Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and subsequently assigned to the Army Security Agency (ASA) Training Center and School at Fort Devens, Massachusetts to receive Signals Intelligence training. He then attended rotary and fixed wing flight schools, serving both as an Aviator and Battalion Adjutant in Panama.

Following the MI Officer Advanced Course, he was assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington, serving on the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division G2 staff. Subsequently, MG Isler commanded the 335<sup>th</sup> ASA Company (9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Support) and served as the first Battalion S3 for the 109<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion. During this tour at

Fort Lewis, MG Isler was recognized for his superior performance of duty with a below-the-zone promotion to Major.

Following his tour at Fort Lewis, MG Isler completed the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama and was then assigned to US Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) to serve as the Aviation Standardization Officer. MG Isler was selected to command a new MI Aviation Company. Under his leadership this new unit, consisting of both RU-12 and RU-21 aircraft, was formed and deployed to the US Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) in support of operations in both Panama and Honduras.

Returning from SOUTHCOM in 1985, MG Isler was selected by the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence (DCSINT) to serve as the Director's Fellow, Continental United States Army Military Intelligence Group. Following this assignment, he served as the Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff, National Security Agency (NSA) and earned another below-the-zone promotion. MG Isler was subsequently assigned to command the 748<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion (INSCOM), San Antonio, Texas. After two years in command, he was selected to serve as the Chief, MI Branch, US Total Army Personnel Command.

Following attendance at the Army War College, MG Isler served on the DCSINT staff as the Task Force Branch Chief, Plans Modernization Support Division until he was selected to command the 501<sup>st</sup> MI Brigade in Korea, one of the largest and most

engaged MI Brigades in the Army at that time. After successful completion of brigade command, MG Isler was selected by the Commander, US Forces Korea, to serve as the first Army Assistant Chief of Staff, J2 (Intelligence), a position that had historically been filled with an Air Force brigadier general.

Following his selection to Brigadier General in 1996, MG Isler returned to NSA to serve as the Assistant Deputy Director of Operations (Military Support)/Deputy Chief, Central Security Service. During this assignment, he was personally selected by the Chief of Staff of the Army to serve as the Assistant Chief of Staff Intelligence, C2/J2, Peace Stabilization Force (SFOR), Bosnia and Herzegovina during a very unstable period. MG Isler returned to NSA and was then assigned to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to serve as the Assistant Director of Central Intelligence for Military Support in Washington, DC. After two years at the CIA, MG Isler was promoted to Major General and then moved to the Defense Intelligence Agency where he served as the Director of Operations until his retirement. MG Isler concluded his distinguished Army career of over 33 years when he retired in 2002.

MG Isler's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Senior Army Aviation Badge, Parachutist Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

MG Isler was inducted into the Infantry Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1994 and into the MI Hall of Fame in 2007.