

## **MAJOR WILLIAM I. JENNINGS**

### **US Army, Retired**



MAJ Jennings devoted 47 years to government service. He initially entered enlisted service in 1938 and by 1943, had worked through all enlisted grades and was awarded a commission in the Infantry. Jennings separated as a Captain in 1946 but reenlisted in 1947 as a Master Sergeant.

From 1947-1949, he worked in the 109<sup>th</sup> Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) Detachment, Louisville, Kentucky. After attendance at the Defense Language Institute for Russian in 1949, he was appointed to Warrant Officer, but he was recalled to active duty in the grade of Captain during the Korean conflict. At that time, he was assigned as the Assistant Operations Officer and then Operations Officer, Region 11, 66<sup>th</sup> CIC Group, Wuerzburg, Germany until 1953. He then attended the Officer Advanced Course and

continued on at Fort Holabird as the Enlisted Assignments Officer, G1, and Adjutant General until 1956. After service as the 109<sup>th</sup> CIC Detachment Region Operations Officer, Region 5, Jennings retired as a Major in 1958.

As a civilian, Jennings served as an Intelligence Research Specialist with the 109<sup>th</sup> CIC Detachment. In 1961, he became the Intelligence Advisor for the Military Intelligence Career Excepted Civilian Program at Fort Holabird and then served in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence. After assignment in the 902<sup>d</sup> MI Group, Falls Church, Virginia, he became Special Assistant to the Commander of the US Army Intelligence Activity, Fort Meade, Maryland. He was then assigned as Operations Advisor and Special Assistant to the Deputy Commanding General for the Army's Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) and as Deputy Director of Operations for the 66<sup>th</sup> MI Group in Germany. He was instrumental in developing the first Memorandum of Agreement between US Army Europe (USAREUR) and INSCOM concerning operation of INSCOM assets in the USAREUR area of responsibility. MAJ Jennings retired as a GS-15, after having played a decisive role in the shaping of INSCOM following the Intelligence Organization and Stationing Study.

MAJ Jennings was named a Distinguished Member of the MI Corps and inducted into the MI Hall of Fame in 1988.