

## **MAJOR GENERAL JULIUS PARKER, JR.**

### **US Army, Retired**



MG Jay Parker was born in New Braunfels, Texas, on 14 April 1935. Upon completion of the Reserve Officers Training Corps curriculum and the educational course of study at Prairie View A&M University in 1955, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry and awarded Bachelor of Science degrees in Biology and Chemistry. He also received a Master of Science degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg State College.

MG Parker held a wide variety of important command and staff positions culminating in his assignment as Commanding General, United States Army Intelligence Center and School, from 1985 to 1989.

As the first Chief of the MI Corps, MG Parker oversaw the activation of the MI Corps and created the MI Corps motto, "Always Out Front." During activation

ceremonies at Fort Huachuca, a new MI Corp flag was unfurled, and at similar ceremonies around the world, all members of the MI Corps received their new distinctive regimental insignia, the MI Corps Crest. He also presided over the creation of the MI Corps Hall of Fame, first with the induction of 10 Distinguished Members of the Corps in 1987, and then with 88 new inductees a year later during the first Hall of Fame ceremony. As he remarked in his letter to the Corps on 1 July 1987, the activation of the Corps "begins the affiliation of all soldiers and civilians with the Corps, thus marking their entry into the US Army Regimental System." Further, he stated that the event was "a recognition and celebration of our evolution from a plethora of diverse and separate intelligence agencies into a cohesive MI community..."

Following attendance at the Infantry Advanced Course, Imagery Interpretation Course, and Airborne School, MG Parker was reassigned to US Army Europe. He served in the 207<sup>th</sup> MI Detachment from 1963 to 1964 as an Imagery Interpretation Officer, Executive Officer, and Commander. He also served as Assistant G2 Plans and Training Officer, VII Corps, until April 1966.

Back in the United States, MG Parker was assigned next as Operations and Training Officer, US Army Continental Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia, until July 1967. He went to Vietnam as the Senior District Advisor, Due Thanh District, Sadec Province, IV Corps, Republic of Vietnam for a year, and then attended Command and General Staff

College. From 1969 to 1972, MG Parker served in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, where he was a Combat Intelligence Staff Officer and Chief of the Ground Surveillance Branch.

Returning to Europe in 1972, MG Parker he served as the first Commander of the 165<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion and then as G2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division. In August 1975, he attended the Army War College, and then remained as a Strategic Research Analyst in the Strategic Studies Institute and a Faculty Instructor in the Command and Management Department. Assigned to Colonel-level command in Korea from July 1977 to July 1979, he successfully organized and integrated four independent intelligence units to form the Army's first multi-discipline brigade level Combat Electronic Warfare and Intelligence (CEWI) organization, the 501<sup>st</sup> MI Group, the forerunner of the modern MI Brigade structure.

MG Parker directly participated in or supervised the conversion to or activation of 14 of the 18 CEWI battalions and four of the seven MI brigades within the US Army. He was also responsible for initiating development and implementation of the MICROFIX program, which resulted in the first use of computers and automation equipment within the US Army for intelligence mission purposes at echelons corps and below.

MG Parker retired in 1989. MG Parker's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and the Department of the Army Staff and Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badges.

MG Parker was inducted into the MI Hall of Fame in 1990.





**The first Chief, Adjutant, and Sergeant Major of the MI Corps hold the new MI Corps Crest.**



**MG Julius Parker takes the new MI Corps colors from LTG Sidney Weinstein during the Corps Activation Ceremony, 1 July 1987.**