## BRIGADIER GENERAL ROY M. STROM US Army, Retired (Deceased)



BG Roy M. Strom was commissioned as an Artillery Second Lieutenant in 1954 and reported to Artillery Officer Basic Course at Fort Bliss, Texas. His first assignment was as a Platoon Leader with the 764<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Artillery, at Fort Clayton, Panama Canal Zone. He also commanded the Caribbean Command Honor Guard Company honoring dignitaries visiting the Canal Zone. Then he attended Gunnery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and subsequently reported to Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Upon his graduation from training CPT Strom reported to Columbus, Ohio as an Intelligence Officer assigned to the Field Office, 109<sup>th</sup> Counter Intelligence Corps Group. Two and one half years later, he headed to Korea and served as the Officer in Charge of the Inchon Field Office, 502<sup>nd</sup> Military Intelligence (MI) Battalion until

1964. Returning from Korea, CPT Strom served for 19 months as the Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, US Army Intelligence School, Fort Holabird, Maryland.

In 1967, MAJ Strom was assigned as the Intelligence Officer to the Army's Alternate Command Post, Operations Group at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. After two years he took command in Vietnam of the 519<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion, 525<sup>th</sup> MI Group. From one successful command to another, in 1970 MAJ Strom took command of the 4<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion, 525<sup>th</sup> MI Group, responsible for intelligence operations in the Delta region. LTC Strom then reported to Munich, Germany where he took his third command, this time of the 18<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion, 66<sup>th</sup> MI Group. After passing the battalion colors, he served for 16 months as the Adjutant of the 66<sup>th</sup> MI Group. LTC Strom was then assigned to Washington, DC as a Counterintelligence Officer and Executive Officer in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, US Army. LTC Strom served just over two years before assuming the duties as the Deputy Commander, US Army Special Security Group in Washington, DC. This was followed by his attendance at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Moving to the Defense Intelligence Agency approximately one year later, LTC Strom became the Staff Chief, Special Intelligence Operations from 1977 to 1978.

In July of 1978, COL Strom took command of the 500<sup>th</sup> MI Brigade, Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) at Camp Zama, Japan. He was among the first brigade commanders to play an instrumental role in the creation of INSCOM. Two years later,

BG Strom was assigned to Fort Huachuca as the Deputy Commandant and then Commandant of the US Army Intelligence Center and School. Early in 1982, BG Strom returned to Washington, DC to become the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, US Army.

BG Strom's final assignment was as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Georgia. It was during this tour that he led the staff in developing a language maintenance program for the Reserve and Active forces.

In March of 1985, BG Strom retired from active duty in the US Army after having served honorably for 31 years. His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Vietnamese Service Medal, Department of Army Staff Badge, and US and Vietnamese Parachutist Wings.

BG Strom was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2009. He passed away on 25 July 2012.



BG Strom (center) with good friend and fellow Hall of Famer (1988), Harry Fukuhara (right).



BG Strom escorting Mrs. Virginia Windmueller during a 1993 Days of Remembrance Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.