

MAJOR GENERAL CHARLES J. WING

ADJUTANT GENERAL

April 1, 1987 – January 8, 1995

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH

Born January 8, 1933 Hot Springs, South Dakota.

ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION

Spent his formative years in Newcastle, Wyoming and completed High School at Newcastle, Wyoming in 1950.

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree in Education, University of Wyoming, 1954

Master's Degree in Education, University of Wyoming, 1963

Education Doctorate Degree, University of Wyoming, 1972

MILITARY EDUCATION

Basic Training with Troop C, 115th Mechanized Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Newcastle, WY 1949-1950

ROTC Advanced Camp Ft. Lewis, WA 1954

Basic Infantry Officer's Course Ft. Benning, GA 1955

Army Primary Flight Training (Fixed Wing) Gary AFB, TX 1955

Army Aviation Tactics Course (Fixed Wing) Ft. Rucker, AL 1955

Field Artillery Officer's Advanced Course (Correspondence) Ft. Sill, OK 1964

Rotary Wing Qualification Course Ft. Wolters, TX 1961

Command & General Staff Officer's College Ft. Leavenworth, KS
(Honor Graduate) 1971

U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA 1977

Wing had the distinction of being the first Wyoming National Guard general officer to graduate from the U.S. Army War College.

National Security Seminar, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 1980

MILITARY SERVICE PRIOR TO SERVING AS ADJUTANT GENERAL

His military career began in Newcastle when he enlisted in the Wyoming Army National Guard in October, 1949 as a private.

He received an ROTC commission as a Second Lieutenant in 1954 upon graduating from the University of Wyoming.

Wing served on active duty for approximately 3-1/2 years. His active duty service included two years in West Germany with the 6th Armored Cavalry Regiment (6th ACR) and the 1st Battalion, 78th Field Artillery, 2nd Armored Division during the Cold War (1955-1957). Wing's primary active duty assignment was an Army Aviator.

Wing rejoined the Wyoming National Guard in 1958 serving continuously until his retirement on January 8, 1995.

Major assignments included:

Commander, 1022nd Engineer Battalion

Commander, 3rd Battalion, 49th Field Artillery

Commander, 115th Field Artillery Group

Assistant Adjutant General, Wyoming National Guard

HIGHLIGHTS WHILE SERVING AS THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Governor Mike Sullivan appointed Wing as Adjutant General in 1987. He served in this capacity for approximately eight years emphasizing training, readiness, securing new facilities, and the improvement of the modern equipment at the Lieutenant General R. L. Esmay Training Center, Camp Guernsey.

In 1990-91 nearly 200 Wyoming National Guard soldiers and Airmen were mobilized for Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. The 1022nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance) served in the Persian Gulf during the war. Individual Airmen also served overseas during the conflict.

Served on the prestigious Reserve Forces Policy Board for the Secretary of Defense. Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney appointed him to this board in 1990.

Conceived the monument that honors all WY NG members, past, present, and future. Monument located on State Capitol grounds.

GENERAL OFFICER DATES OF RANK

Brigadier General 16 July 1979

Major General 15 May 1987

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

Wing was an educator in Laramie County School District Number One, Cheyenne for 25 years. He served as a teacher, counselor, principal, and assistant superintendent in the Cheyenne schools.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND ORGANIZATIONS

Past President of the Cheyenne Rotary Club. Active member of the Young Men's Literary Club, Cheyenne. Founding member of the Cheyenne Schools Foundation. Served as a member of the Citizen of the Century for Wyoming committee. Life member of NGAUS and WYNGA. Associate Director, American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

The Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal. Department of Defense Badge, Master Aviator Badge, Expert Marksmanship Badge (with pistol clasps). He also received the Medal of Excellence from the Wyoming National Guard Association.

FAMILY

Married Jo Dell Riddle of Rawlins on 8 October 1954, married at Rawlins, Wy.

Children – Stephanie, Brent, Dina, Keith

7 Grandsons, 4 Granddaughters

NOTES OF INTEREST

43 years of military service.

Known for his infectious, positive attitude, he could see a positive impact in even the most dismal situations.

Trademark "thumbs-up" used to say thanks to soldiers and airmen for a job well done.

Served on the committee to establish the Wyoming Veteran's Memorial Plaza, located at War Memorial Stadium, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming. The Plaza was dedicated in August 2003.

Instrumental in getting the Wyoming Legislature to approve legislation that provided Wyoming Guardsmen with the opportunity to purchase distinctive National Guard (NG) license plates.

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