



Brigadier General Vandiver H. Carter, USAR (Ret) was born in Selma, Alabama and graduated from Albert G. Parrish High School in May of 1961. After joining the Alabama Army National Guard on 13 November 1961, he entered basic training in March of 1962 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina for six months. Upon completion of his six month tour of duty, he entered Marion Military Institute in September of 1962.

After attending MMI for one year, he returned to Selma and started a construction company and investment

company with Carter and Smith Realty. In March of 1966, he attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA and was commissioned a second lieutenant on 1 July 1966. In 1968, he completed officer basic course at Fort Eustis, Virginia and returned to the Alabama Army National Guard. In July, 1969, he returned to active duty and after completion of airborne training, was assigned to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne division, with tours of duty in the XVIII ABN Corps and VII Special Forces Group

At completion of his two year tour of duty, he returned to the Alabama Army National Guard and continued his business career with Carter and Smith Realty.

BG Carter's first assignment in the Guard was a platoon leader with a transportation company and later promoted to company commander in the Headquarters Company of the 135<sup>th</sup> Supply and Transportation Battalion. After being promoted to Major, he served in staff positions as S-1, S-2/3, S-4, of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Support Group in Selma, Alabama. Later he was assigned to the 135<sup>th</sup> S and S Battalion in Jasper, Alabama and then promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and given command of the 440<sup>th</sup> Ordinance Battalion in Camden, Alabama. After three years as commander of the 440<sup>th</sup> Battalion, he was reassigned as executive officer of the 226<sup>th</sup> Support Group in Mobile, Alabama and at the conclusion of that assignment, was promoted to Colonel and Commander of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Support Group in Selma, Alabama for a three year tour of duty. At the completion of his three year tour, he was assigned as a Security and Plans Officer in the 167<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Group in Birmingham, Alabama. In July of 1994, he was promoted to Brigadier General and assigned as Chief of Staff of the 167<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Group and retired in February 1998 after serving in the military for 37 years.

BG Carter graduated from the Air University (War College) on 10 July 1991, National Defense University in February 1990, University of the State of New York in September of 1987, and Command and General Staff College in 1974.

Simultaneous to his military career, he served two terms as President of the Alabama National Guard Officer's Association, and three years as director of the National Guard Insurance Trust. He has also served on the Regions Bank Board in Selma, Alabama, the vestry at St. Paul's Church, the YMCA Board, the Sturdivant Hall Museum Board, the Selma Country Club Board, the Town and Country Board, the Economic Development Board and most recently served as organizer/director and chairman of the Executive Committee of the newly organized First Cahawba Bank, Selma, Alabama. After serving three years on the Presidential Advisory Council at MMI, he was elected Chairman in 2008.

He and his wife Marian (of 43 years) have three grown daughters and seven grandchildren.