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Prénom, Nom:

Ronald H. Griffith



Contact :

Catégorie : Exécutif

Dates de naissance / décès :

March 16, 1936

Lieu de naissance :

North Georgia

Genre : Male

Lieu de résidence (si DC avant l'accession à un poste retenu, avec si possible l'année de l'emménagement à DC):

Formation :

BA/BS	BS, University of Georgia, 1960
MA/MS	
PhD	
Law degree (JD...)	
Autre	

Profession initiale :

Carrière :

1964-1965 : Vietman

1969-1970 : Vietnam

1989-1991 : Command 1st Armored Division, (Gulf war)
1991-1994 : Inspector General, Army
1995-1997 : vice chief of staff, Army
1997 : retired
1997- : executive vice president, MPRI
Board of directors of The Alliance Defense Group
Board of directors of Geonex Martel Inc.
31 March 2010 : retired from corporate positions

Sources biblio/bio, articles, divers.

Ronald H. Griffith

General, United States Army, Retired

(Non-alumnus, appointed July 2004, reappointed July 2008)

General Ronald H. Griffith retired from the U.S. Army on 1 November 1997 after nearly 37 years of active duty service. His last duty position was as Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, the second highest military position within the Department of the Army. Prior to that, he was the Army's Inspector General, a position he held for four years. General Griffith was the first Inspector General in the Army's history to be selected to wear four stars.

A native of North Georgia, General Griffith graduated from the University of Georgia in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He also holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg State University in Pennsylvania. General Griffith's military experience spans command positions from company to division level and service on staffs up to Headquarters, Department of the Army.

He led platoons at Fort Hood, Texas and in Korea, was a company commander in the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood, commanded the 1st Battalion, 32nd Armor in Germany, the 1st Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division in Korea, and the 1st Armored Division in Germany and Operations DESERT SHIELD/STORM. Besides his Persian Gulf combat experience, General Griffith also served two combat terms in Vietnam, first as an infantry unit advisor with the Army of the Republic of Vietnam and later as Executive Officer of the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division.

As a field grade officer, General Griffith served in the Pentagon as a staff officer in the War Plans Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans (DCSOPS), as Chief of the War Plans Division, and as a Brigadier General, as the Deputy Director of Operations (DCSOPS). He also served as the Chief of Staff, and later as the Assistant Division commander of the 1st Cavalry Division until taking command of the 1st Armored Division in 1989.

His numerous awards and decorations include: the Defense Distinguished Service Medal; the Distinguished Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster); the Legion of Merit (with 2 oak leaf clusters); the Bronze Star Medal (with "V" device and 5 oak leaf clusters); the Purple Heart; the Combat Infantryman Badge; the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge; the Army Staff Identification Badge. He has also been awarded a number of foreign decorations and awards.

On 31 March 2010, General Griffith retired from corporate positions he held for a number of years with L-3 Communications where he served in a dual capacity as Executive Vice President of MPRI and as Executive Vice President of the L-3 Communications Services Group.

General Griffith is married to Dr. Hurdis Margaret Ann Griffith. Dr Griffith recently retired as the Dean of the College of Nursing at Rutgers University (now Dean Emeritus), the State University of New Jersey. They have two daughters, Leigh Ann Todd and Laura Thompson, and five grandchildren. The Griffiths reside in Arlington, Virginia.

Source : virginia military institute www.vmi.edu/content.aspx?tid=29405&id=426 consulté le 4 décembre 13

Sources additionnelles :

First Street, Who's Who, CQ Directory, Legistorm