

MAJOR GENERAL J.W. KAINE

Major General John W. Kaine enlisted as a Private in the 77th Infantry Division Reserve in 1935. He was appointed a Second Lieutenant in the Army Reserve in 1937 and served with the 305th Infantry, 77th Division until called to active duty in 1940. During World War II, he served successively as a Platoon Leader, Company Commander, Battalion S-3, Battalion Executive Officer and Battalion Commander. He commanded the 2nd Battalion, 180th Infantry of the 45th Infantry Division in the European Theatre of Operations. He was released from active duty in March 1946, as a Colonel.

In 1948, General Kaine rejoined the 77th Infantry Division in Reserve status. He served successively as Chief of Staff and Commanding Officer of the 306th Infantry Regiment, Division Chief of Staff, Assistant Division Commander, and as Commanding General of the Division from 1958 through December 1965, when the 77th Division was inactivated.

On the inactivation of the 77th Division in 1965, he was appointed Deputy Chief of Army Reserve (Mobilization Designee), Department of the Army, Washington, D.C.

Simultaneously with his service as Division Commander and Deputy Chief of Army Reserve, General Kaine also served on several key Reserve affairs policy committees. He served as Alternate Member from First United States Army on the Department of the Army General Staff Committee on Army Reserve Policy (the "Section 5 Committee") from 1 July 1960 to 31 December 1961.

On 1 January 1962, he was appointed Principal Member from First United States Army to this Committee. A year later, he was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Army Reserve Policy, and in January 1964 was appointed Chairman of the Joint Committee on Army Reserve and National Guard Policy. He served in this capacity until statutory relief in December of 1966.

In September of 1966, General Kaine was appointed to the Department of Defense Reserve Forces Policy Board and served on this board until statutorily relieved in 1969.

Meanwhile, in December 1967, upon implementation of the Army Reserve Command (ARCOM) structure, he was reassigned from Deputy Chief, Army Reserve (Mob Des), to Commanding General, 77th United States Army Reserve Command, his current assignment. The ARCOMs represented an entirely new challenging concept of Reserve organization, wherein the ARCOMs' headquarters assumed major command functions and responsibilities formerly exercised by Active Army. The 77th U.S. Army Reserve Command is the largest of the ARCOMs, with over 200 units and approximately 20,000 personnel authorized.

In April 1969, General Kaine visited U.S. Army Reserve units serving in Vietnam, including five 77th USARCOM units which had been called-up, and which served with distinction.

In March 1970, during the National Emergency declared because of a massive postal strike, General Kaine rapidly mobilized 84 units of the 77th USARCOM including thousands of personnel in what was the first time U.S. Army Reserve units had been employed in a domestic crisis. The call-up also proved that Army Reservists could be effectively mobilized within only a few hours. During the operation ("GRAPHIC HAND"), as part of "Task Force New York," General Kaine was in command and control of the many Navy, Marine, Air Force and Coast Guard Reserve units mobilized, in addition to 77th USARCOM and other Army Reserve units. General Kaine's control and employment of these units was an instrumental element in the rapid restoration of postal services.

In civilian life, General Kaine is Executive Vice-President of Conso-Products Company, a division of Consolidated Foods Corporation. He and his wife, the former Helen Field, have two children and two grandchildren.

General Kaine's organizational affiliations and offices held include: Past President, New York Chapter, Association of the United States Army; Board of Governors, New York Society of Military and Naval Officers of the World Wars; President, Liberty Patch Fund, Inc.; President, 77th Infantry Division Reserve Officers Association; Member, Military Order of World Wars, 45th Infantry Division Association, Reserve Officers Association of the United States.

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster

Purple Heart Medal

French Legion of Honor

The Combat Infantryman Badge

New York State Conspicuous Service Cross

American Defense Medal

American Campaign Medal

Europe-Africa-Middle East Campaign Medal with 3 Campaign Stars

World War II Victory Medal

Army of Occupation Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 Ten-Year Devices