



Biography

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General Carl W. Stiner, USA (Ret) Chairman

General Carl W. Stiner, U.S. Army retired, was the second Commander in Chief, U. S. Special Operations Command, headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, From May 1990 to May 1993. As Commander in Chief, he was responsible for the readiness of all special operations forces of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, both active duty and reserve.

Born in LaFollette, Tennessee, on Sept 7, 1936, General Stiner graduated from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science degree and was commissioned in the Infantry. He served initially with the 9th Infantry Regiment at Fort Benning, Georgia, the 7th Infantry Division in Korea, and commanded a basic training company at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

General Stiner's first special operations tour of duty was in 1964-66 with 3rd Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Following graduation from the Army Command and General Staff College in 1967, he served in Vietnam as both an infantry battalion and brigade operations officer (S-3) with the 4th Infantry Division.

In 1970, after a tour with Headquarters, Department of the Army in Washington, D.C., he joined the 82nd Airborne Division where he commanded the 2nd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, and served as the Division operations officer (G-3). Following graduation from the Army War College in 1975 and a tour in Saudi Arabia, he commanded the 1st Infantry Training Brigade at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Promoted to Brigadier General in 1980, he served first as the Chief of Staff, Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force (RDJTF), then headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base, and later as the Assistant Division Commander of the 82nd Airborne Division. After serving on the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C., as Assistant Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs, in 1984 he was promoted to Major General and appointed as Commanding General of the Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg.

He held this post until assigned as Commanding General, 82d Airborne Division, in January 1987. In October 1988 he was named Commanding General, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg. As Commanding General, XVIII Airborne Corps, he was designated Commander, Joint Task Force South, and served as the operational commander of all forces employed on Operation JUST CAUSE in Panama in December 1989.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, Army General Staff Identification Badge, and Joint Chiefs of Staff Service Badge. He also holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg State College.

General Stiner retired with more than 35 years of service. He is married to the former Sue Reeves

