Henry Stratman

Major General 3rd U.S. Army (Ret.)

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Major General Henry Stratman is a native of Vienna, Missouri, and is a 1972 distinguished military graduate of the ROTC program at Lincoln University. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in Field Artillery, and went on to serve in Army units in the United States, Germany, Korea, Southwest Asia and Bosnia. His education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from Lincoln University and master's degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California. He is a graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. Major General Stratman is currently the highest ranking officer to graduate from the Lincoln University ROTC program.

Major General Stratman's key assignments during his distinguished military career include: Deputy Chief of Staff for Doctrine Headquarters Training and Doctrine Command for Fort Monroe, Virginia; Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations of Headquarters, Stabilization Force 9SFOR) in Sarajevo, Bosnia; Assistant Division Commander (Support), 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.), Fort Stewart, Ga,; and Director of Operations Defense Security Assistance Agency, Washington, D.C. During 1st Armored Division's peace enforcement operations in Bosnia, he served as Chief, joint Military Commissions, which coordinated factions' compliance with the Dayton Peace Accord. Other key leadership positions include command of the 1st Infantry Division Artillery at Fort Riley, Kansas and command of 2-29th Field Artillery Battalion during the Gulf War/Operation Desert Storm in support of 3rd Armored, 1st Infantry and 1st Cavalry Division's combat operations. The highlight of his career was leading a battalion of about 630 soldiers across battle lines in Desert Storm and having them return safely.

Major General Stratman's decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal and service awards for combat and peace support operations. Stratman also served in Germany during the iron curtain days and was on another tour when the Berlin Wall was dismantled. One of his last assignments was in Baghdad as the primary liaison for Ambassadors, top military officials and foreign leaders.

After a thirty-three year career, Major General Henry Stratman returned to the mid-Missouri area and now resides Holts Summit, MO with his wife Linda.