

## Brigadier General John C. Rowland

### Biographical Sketch

Brigadier General Rowland was commissioned as an infantry officer in August of 1965 after graduating from Eastern Michigan University and completion of ROTC. He entered active duty in October of 1965 and completed the Infantry Officers Basic Course at Ft. Benning Georgia. After OBC he was selected for the Army's rotary wing flight training program and graduated from flight school in September of 1966. After flight school he was transferred to the 1st Cavalry Division Republic of Vietnam. In Vietnam, he served as a pilot, section leader, platoon leader and S2 of the 227th Aviation Battalion. After Vietnam, he was transferred to Fort Wolters Texas and trained as a flight instructor. He served as a flight instructor until January of 1968 when he was released from active duty. After release from active duty BG Rowland was transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve.

In February of 1972 BG Rowland joined the Michigan Army National Guard where he served for twenty-five years. He has commanded at all levels to include Michigan's largest brigade, the 72nd Support Brigade. BG Rowland's last assignment was as the Deputy Commander, Maneuver, for the 38th Infantry Division (M). His military schooling includes completion of Infantry Officer Basic Course, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Initial Rotary Wing Qualification Course, Flight Instructor Course, Fixed Wing Multi-engine Course and Command and General Staff College. Military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal w\2OLC, Air Medal w\31 OLC, Army Commendation Medal w\OLC, Humanitarian Service Medal and others.

On July 23, 1997 BG Rowland received Senate confirmation for promotion to the rank of Major General. He was issued a Certificate of Eligibility pending assignment availability. BG Rowland transferred to the Standby Inactive Army Reserve in October 1997.

In his civilian career General Rowland is the president of Rowland Enterprises Inc. He is currently engaged in consulting, contract and construction work. He has previous experience in aviation management as a Cessna franchise dealer and

Director of Army aviation for the Army National Guard. As the Director of Aviation, he supervised the training and maintenance for 110 pilots and 64 helicopters. Additional business experience includes Director of International Operations and Executive Director of the Service Group for Spartan Motors Inc.

General Rowland was honored in 2005 by being enshrined into the Michigan Aviation Hall of Fame. Additionally, In 1997 he was enshrined into Eastern Michigan University R.O.T.C. Hall of Fame.

Currently, General Rowland serves on the Board of the Michigan Freedom Foundation and the Board (ex official) of the AirZoo Museum.

BG Rowland and his wife Judy have been married for forty-four years and have three children plus six grandchildren. The Rowland's live in Grand Ledge, Michigan where they have resided for the past thirty-two years.