



**Arvid West**

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Arvid West is a retired Brigadier General who began his career as a West Point Cadet and reported to his first assignment in Germany in 1957. After serving in various locations around the world and the United States, including Vietnam and Hawaii, he retired in 1991. Mr. West is currently a member of the Missouri Veterans Commission Foundation and the Fort Leonard Wood Retiree Council.

During his time on active duty, Mr. West held a number of leadership roles. He served as a Battalion and Brigade Commander, as well as the Deputy Commander for the U.S. Army's Combined Arms Operations Research Activity at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Close to the end of his career, he held the positions of Deputy Commanding General for the U.S. Army Engineer Center and Assistant Commandant of the U.S. Army Engineering School both at Fort Leonard Wood. Mr. West retired as the Commanding General at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

After retiring from military service, Mr. West continued to serve. He was Commissioner of the Missouri Veterans Commission and Director of the Missouri Division of Facilities Management where he headed a variety of projects including the rebuilding of the Hotel Governor and modifying all state buildings for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Additionally, as the Director of the Missouri Division of Highway Safety he helped the state achieve the goal of 70% seatbelt usage in 1992.

Mr. West is married to the former Barbara Mae Broadwell and they have two daughters, Linda and Elizabeth. He and his wife currently reside in Jefferson City, Missouri.