



Biography

United States Army

Washington, DC

Major General Ellis D. Parker

Commanding General, United States Army Aviation
Center and Fort Rucker

Major General Don Parker was born in Sadlersville, Tennessee on 1 November 1932. He received his commission upon graduation from Officer Candidate School in 1957. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, holding a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. He also holds a Master of Science in Public Administration from Shippensburg State College. His military education includes completion of the Field Artillery Basic and Advanced Officer Courses, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College.

General Parker has held a wide variety of important command and staff positions culminating in his current assignment as Commanding General, United States Army Aviation Center and Fort Rucker, Fort Rucker, Alabama. Other key assignments held recently include Deputy Commanding General/Assistant Commandant, United States Army Aviation Center and Fort Rucker, Fort Rucker, Alabama, Deputy Director of Requirements and Army Aviation Officer with the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans in Washington, DC and Assistant Division Commander, 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

General Parker served in a variety of important career building assignments preparatory to his most recent duties. In Vietnam he performed duty as Deputy Aviation Officer for XXIV Corps and later commanded the 61st Aviation Company, 1st Aviation Brigade. Returning to the United States, he was appointed as an Assistant Inspector General and then as Assistant Executive with the Office of the Inspector General in Washington, DC. General Parker was then reassigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he filled several important positions as Chief of the Aviation Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 (Training), XVIII Airborne



Corps; Commander, 82d Aviation Battalion, 82d Airborne Division; and Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff, 82d Airborne Division. Following attendance at the War College, he became Special Assistant to the Deputy Commanding General at the Aviation Center. He was then assigned overseas where he served as Commander of the 17th Aviation Group, Korea, and Aviation Staff Officer with J-3 (Training), United Nations Command/United States Forces Korea. General Parker remained in this position until assuming his latest assignments.

Awards and decorations which General Parker has received include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal, several Air Medals and the Army Commendation Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters).

He also wears the Air Assault, Parachutist, and Master Army Aviator Badges.

He is married to the former Judy C. Matthews. They have three children: Donald S.; Phillip R., an Army officer; and David B.