

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

BORN: Nashville, Tennessee 14 September 1927  
HOME ADDRESS: 6464 Temple Road, Franklin, TN 37064  
SCHOOLS: U. S. Navy Signalman School, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii 1945;  
Middle Tennessee State University 1946-47, 1949-51  
(BS Business Administration); College ROTC Graduate 1951;  
Armor Officer Career Course 1968; Command and General  
Staff Officer Course 1974; Command and General Staff  
Refresher Course 1975 and 1982.

BRIGADIER GENERAL PATRICK WALLACE HARRISON  
Commander [REDACTED]  
30th Armored Brigade (Sep)  
Tennessee Army National Guard

BG Harrison began his career as an enlisted man in the USN serving at Camp Perry, Virginia in July, 1944. He attended and graduated from the Signalman's School at Pearl Harbor in 1945. He served aboard the USS Hancock CV19, an Essex Class Carrier, during the final naval and air assault on Japan in 1945, receiving one battle star. He was discharged after two years service (10 July 44 - 14 June 46). He continued his military career in the U. S. Army at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma in May, 1947, assigned to Special Services on the Post boxing team and as a water safety instructor. He was discharged after nineteen months service (7 May 47 - 24 December 48). He continued his enlisted career in the Tennessee National Guard as communications sergeant SFC while attending Middle Tennessee State University and simultaneously participating in the ROTC program as Cadet Major from 19 May 49 to 26 July 51 at which time he was commissioned 2LT Armor.

BG Harrison began his officer career on 1 January 53 when he was appointed Platoon leader in the 173rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, TANG, Nashville, TN. He was appointed Captain 14 April 58. Service during the period 14 April 58 to 14 July 67 included commander of three different tank companies at Murfreesboro, Lebanon and Gallatin, Tennessee; commander of a Tank Battalion Headquarters

Company, Nashville, Tennessee and assistant division G3 of the 30th Armored Division in Nashville, Tennessee.

BG Harrison was promoted to Major 14 July 67 and served as assistant G3 of the 30th Armored Division until 1 December 72 when he was promoted to LTC and assumed command of the 1/230th Armored Cavalry Squadron with units in Middle Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi. On 1 November 73 the 1/230 Armored Cavalry Squadron was reorganized into the 3rd Battalion, 109th Armor in Middle Tennessee with BG Harrison remaining as commander. During this period the Battalion units achieved superior AT ratings and excellent ratings on IG's.

BG Harrison was assigned as executive officer of the 30th Armored Brigade (Sep) 20 August 75 until 15 October 78 when he was promoted to Colonel and assigned as Deputy Director, Plans, Operations and Training Division TNARNG in Nashville, Tennessee and subsequently to Deputy Director, Personnel Administration Division TNARNG 17 November 78 and served on annual training period in 1979 in this capacity. He served in this assignment until 1 October 79 when he was appointed Military Personnel Officer TNARNG, Nashville, Tennessee.

BG Harrison was appointed Deputy Commander 30th Armored Brigade (Sep), Jackson, Tennessee, 1 November 79 and continued to serve in this position until assuming command of the Brigade 8 February 82. He commanded the Brigade until his retirement in October 1984, completing forty years and three months of military service.

#### DECORATIONS AND AWARDS:

BG Harrison holds the following decorations and awards: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one Battle Star; Navy Unit Commendation; American Campaign Medal; World War II Victory Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Ribbon; Army National Guard Commendation Ribbon; Tennessee National Guard Distinguished Service Medal; Tennessee National Guard Service Ribbon with three Oak Leaf Clusters; Tennessee National Guard Volunteer Ribbon; Governor's Meritorious Unit Citation; Tennessee Distinguished Unit Citation.