



In Memoriam – Brigadier General Robert Worth Berry


We are saddened by the recent passing of Brigadier General (Retired) Robert Worth Berry. General Berry passed away December 6, 2011 in Denver, Colorado after a lifetime of service to his country. General Berry was a veteran of World War II and Korea.


General Berry enlisted in the Army in 1944 during War World II and served at Camp Roberts, California. After the war he attended Washington State University and joined the Reserve Officer Training Corps where he was commissioned into the Infantry in 1950. General Berry then attended Harvard Law School but was called to active duty to serve in the Korean War as the Public Information Officer for the 40th "Balls of Fire" Division. After returning to Harvard Law School in 1953, General Berry graduated with a Juris Doctorate and accepted a position in the Department of Defense General Counsel's Office where he was instrumental in drafting the Defense Reorganization Act of 1958. He continued to serve in the Army Reserves, with duty in the Pentagon and as an instructor in the Department of Social Sciences at West Point.

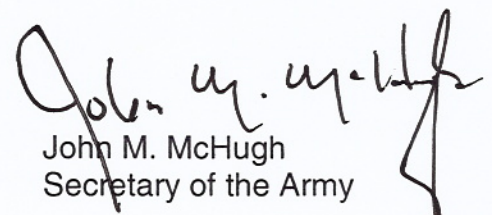
In 1971, General Berry was appointed by President Nixon as General Counsel of the Army. He served as the senior civilian lawyer, offering advice and counsel to two Secretaries of the Army, Bob Froehlke and Bo Callaway, as well as Army Chiefs of Staff Generals Westmoreland, Palmer, Abrams, and Weyand.

General Berry returned to active duty in 1978 as Professor and Head of the Law Department at West Point. There he supervised the curriculum and classroom instruction of an academic department critical to the intellectual and ethical education of the Cadets. During his tour at West Point, he also served as an Officer Representative for the Army football team. The teams of that time were highly competitive and won the Cherry and Peach bowl games. His mentorship and support was instrumental in their winning and their growth as Cadets and young officers. General Berry continued his service at West Point until his retirement in 1987. The list of officers that he personally mentored and positively impacted is endless.

During this time of remembrance, please keep General Berry and his Family in your thoughts and prayers, and take a moment to reflect on the lasting contribution he made on our Army. His legacy will remain with us. Army Strong!


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