

Who Is Roger Brautigan?

Roger Brautigan is a native of Billings, Montana.

He attended the University of Arizona on an athletic scholarship.

He entered the U.S. Army in 1969 following his graduation as a Distinguished Military ROTC Graduate.

His military career spanned 33 ½ years (from 1969-2002) where he served in a variety of active and reserve command and staff assignments achieving the rank of Major General.

He is a Vietnam veteran.

He commanded at the company, battalion and separate brigade (Brigadier General Officer) level.

He served in the Pentagon during the first Gulf War, followed by 6 ½ continuous years in Germany from 1993-1999 where he participated in both the planning and execution phases of the Bosnia Peacekeeping mission.

His final assignment prior to his retirement in August 2002, was as Fort Lewis Washington's and First U.S. Corps' Deputy Commanding General, the installation which played the lead role in creating the Army's new Stryker Brigades.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (with one oak leaf cluster) the Bronze Star, and numerous other awards, including the Army Staff Badge for his work in the Pentagon.

On May 29, 2009, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Roger to his current position as the Acting Secretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs.