



Biography

Lieutenant General (Retired) Michael A. Canavan, United States Army, calls Surfside Beach, South Carolina, home. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1966 and served as a Combat Engineer. He was later commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry upon graduation from the Infantry Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, Georgia. General Canavan retired from active duty on 1 January 2001.

General Canavan held a variety of Command and Staff positions in Vietnam (two tours), Thailand, Germany (three tours), the Republic of Korea and the United States. He served with the following units: 10th Special Forces Group, 5th Special Forces Group, 6th Special Forces Group, John F. Kennedy Center for Military Assistance, Joint Casualty Resolution Center, 9th Infantry Division, ROTC Command, 82nd Airborne Division (two tours), XVIII Airborne Corps, 2nd Infantry Division, Joint Special Operations Command (two tours) and the 7th Infantry Division (Light).

General Canavan has served in the following company and field grade assignments: Special Forces "A" Detachment Commander, Special Forces Company Commander, Headquarters Company Commander, Rifle Company Commander, Assistant Professor of Military Science, S3 Operations Officer, Battalion Executive Officer, Corps Chief of Current Operations, Corps Deputy Chief of Staff, Infantry Battalion Commander, J3 Director of Operations, and Infantry Brigade Commander.

Previous General Officer assignments include: Commanding General, TRADOC Analysis Command; Assistant Division Commander for Operations, 82nd Airborne Division; Commanding General, Special Operations Command, Europe; Commanding General, Joint Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Chief of Staff, European Command.

His combat operations include service in the Republic of Vietnam as Commander, 1st Battalion (A-401), IV Corps Mobile Strike Force, 5th Special Forces Group and a later tour in Thailand/Vietnam as a Search Team Leader, Joint Casualty Resolution Center, and service as a Battalion Executive Officer, 82nd Airborne Division in Operation URGENT FURY (Grenada). Some of his many contingency operations include PROVIDE COMFORT (Northern Iraq), JOINT ENDEAVOR (Bosnia), ASSURED RESPONSE (Evacuation of Liberia) and Kosovo.

General Canavan is a graduate of St. Martin's College, Infantry Officer Candidate School, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, U.S. Army Command and Staff College, and the Army War College. His military awards and decorations include the Purple Heart; Combat Infantryman's Badge; Master Parachutist Badge; Military Freefall Badge; Ranger Tab; Special Forces Tab; Pathfinder Badge and Scuba Badge.

General Canavan joined Anteon Corporation, Information Systems Group (ISG) as Group Senior Vice-President Homeland Security in August of 2003. He assumed duties as Group President, Information Systems Group in June of 2004. In this capacity he was responsible for the financial and management oversight of approximately 4200 people and \$700 million in business that provides information technology and program management support to a number of different agencies in the federal government. General Dynamics Corporation purchased Anteon Corporation in June of 2006. General Canavan joined the **USfalcon** Board in 2006.