



Biography

General Gray is a native of Algoma, West Virginia. He was born of the union of Lloyd Gray Sr. and Hattie B Parker Gray on 18 October 1941. His parents emigrated from Electric Mills, Mississippi to McDowell County in 1937. He graduated from Elkhorn High School at Elkhorn WV, in 1959. He later attended and graduated from "THE" Ohio State University with a Bachelors degree in Computer and Information Science. He was awarded a Masters of Military Arts and Sciences Degree from the United States Army Command and General Staff College. He is a graduate of the National Security Seminar at Harvard University.

In May of 1966, upon his graduation from the Officer Candidate School at Fort Gordon, Georgia, General Gray was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Signal Corps. He is a graduate of the Signal Officer Advance Course, the Command and General Staff College, the United States Army War College, and the Joint War Fighting Course for General Officers.

His most significant career assignments have been: Signal Officer, 56th Field Artillery Group (Pershing); Commander, Company C, 97th Signal Battalion; Commander, Company A, 501st Signal Battalion; 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Plans and Operations Officer, Directorate of Security, Defense Intelligence Agency; Executive Officer, 50th Signal Battalion (Airborne Corps); Chief, Readiness Command Plans Branch, G-3, XVIII Airborne Corps; Commander, 82d Signal Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division; Chief, C2 Division, United States Army Combined Arms Combat Development Activity, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Commander, 35th Signal Brigade, XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Special Assistant to the Commander, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Deputy Commanding General / Deputy Commandant, United States Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, Fort Gordon, Georgia; Deputy Director for Plans, Programs and Systems, Office of the Secretary of the Army, Washington, DC; Commanding General, United States Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon and simultaneously Chief of Signal, United States Army; Chief of Staff, United States Army, Europe, and Seventh Army. He was appointed as the Deputy Commander in Chief, United States Army, Europe, and Seventh Army, and promoted to Lieutenant General in May 1995.

General Gray's awards and Decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (2nd OLC), Legion of Merit (2nd OLC), Bronze Star, Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3rd OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2nd OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2nd OLC); Vietnam Service Medal (4th OLC); several foreign awards, Army Staff Badge and the Master Parachutist Badge.

General Gray retired, as Deputy Commander In Chief, U. S. Army Europe and Seventh Army on 1 August 1997. He is currently President and CEO of Gray Consultants Inc., an International Security Strategy and C4ISR Technology Consulting Firm with clients in the Department of Defense, Major Defense Contractors and Commercial Information Technology Firms. General Gray is a Senior Fellow at the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia. He also serves on numerous national and local boards and commissions.

General Gray and his wife, Annie, currently reside in Evans, Georgia. They have three children, daughters Frances D. Head, Edith D. Negahban, and son O. Parker Gray. They are also the proud grandparents of Mark Head Jr., Morgan Head, Austin Negahban, Kavon Negahban, Daniel Gray, Alex Gray, and Sierra Gray.