

LTG (Retired) MICHAEL A. VANE

UNITED STATES ARMY

LTG(R) Michael A. Vane entered the Army on 4 June 1975 as a Second Lieutenant O-1 at the United States Military Academy. He attended Signal OBC at Fort Gordon, Georgia in 1975.

LTG(R) Vane's first duty assignment was as a Platoon Leader, later Executive Officer, with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington from January 1976 to June 1977 where he reached the rank of First Lieutenant. In June 1977, he was reassigned to 1st Battalion, 67th Air Defense Artillery at Fort Lewis, Washington as the Communications-Electronics Officer where he remained until February 1978. LTG(R) Vane was next assigned as a Platoon Leader, and later as Executive Officer, for 1-67 ADA. Upon his departure from Fort Lewis, Washington LTG(R) Vane was assigned as aide-de-camp to the Commanding General of the United States Army Air Defense Center and Fort Bliss, in Fort Bliss, Texas from October 1978 to July 1979. LTG(R) Vane entered Air Defense Artillery Officer Advance Course at the United States Army Air Defense School at Fort Bliss, Texas in October 1979 and graduated in July 1980, he was promoted to Captain in November 1979. Following Officer Advance Course, LTG(R) Vane was assigned to B Battery (Vulcan), 3d Battalion, 61st Air Defense Artillery, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany, as S-4 (Logistics) from July 1980 to June 1983. After his time in Germany, LTG(R) Vane returned to United States in order to attend Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. After being reassigned to Fort Bliss, TX, LTG(R) Vane served as Section Chief, Command and Control for Combat Developments, at the Air Defense Artillery School from March 1985 to January 1987, he was promoted to Major in January of 1986. In February 1987 LTG(R) Vane was then assigned to 5-62 ADA at Fort Bliss, Texas where he served as Battalion S3 and then latter as Battalion Executive Officer. From there he entered the United States Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In June of 1989, following Command and General Staff College, LTG(R) Vane transferred to Washington D.C. where he served as an Air Defense Artillery Systems Integrator for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans until July of 1990. After leaving Washington D.C., LTG(R) served as the aide-de-camp to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in Belgium, where he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in August 1991. In July 1992 LTG(R) Vane assumed

command of the 4th Battalion, 3d Air Defense Artillery in Germany where he served until July 1994. Following his command of 4-3 ADA LTG(R) Vane returned to the United States to attend the United States Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. After completing his time at the War College he assumed the position of Director, Combat Developments, at the Air Defense Artillery School. LTG(R) Vane then became Commander of the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade in June 1996; he was promoted to the rank of Colonel in August of 1996. LTG(R) Vane served in this role until June 1998 when he returned to Washington D.C. to become Director of Integration in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans for Force Development. In July 1999 he returned to Fort Bliss, Texas to become Commanding General of 32d Army Air and Missile Defense Command, he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in February 2000. Following his command of 32d AAMDC, LTG(R) Vane transferred to Fort Monroe, Virginia to become the Deputy Chief of Staff for Doctrine, Concepts, and Strategy for United States Army Training and Doctrine Command. LTG(R) Vane was once again assigned to Fort, Bliss in July 2003, where he became the Commanding General of the United States Army Air Defense Artillery School. He was promoted to Major General in August of 2003. He returned to Washington D.C. in 2005 to become Vice Director for Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment, J-8. He served in this position until August 2007, when he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General and returned to Fort Monroe to become Deputy Commanding General, Future/Director, Army Capabilities Integration Center, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine where he served until his retirement in July of 2011.

He is a graduate of Signal Officer Basic Course, Air Defense Artillery Officer Advance Course, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy and a Masters of Science in Joint Command, Control, and Communications from Naval Postgraduate School.

His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (6 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Parachutist Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.