



LIEUTENANT GENERAL HANS H. DRIESSNACK

Retired July 1, 1983. Died Oct. 16, 2006.

Lieutenant General Hans H. Driessnack is assistant vice chief of staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. He also serves as senior Air Force representative, U.S. Delegation to the Military Staff Committee, United Nations.

General Driessnack was born in Yonkers, N.Y., in 1927, and graduated from Charles E. Gorton High School in 1945. He received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Syracuse (N.Y.) University in 1951 and a master's degree in business administration from the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, in 1959. He graduated from Squadron Officer School in 1956, and Air Command and Staff College in 1963, both located at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; the Naval War College, Newport, R.I., in 1970; and the advanced management program of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration in 1971.

He entered active duty through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in March 1951. The general served as base civil engineering officer until October 1952, when he entered pilot training at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.

In March 1953 after completion of combat crew training at Pinecastle (now McCoy) Air Force Base, Fla., General Driessnack left for South Korea where he served as a fighter pilot and flight commander with the 428th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, flying 25 combat missions.

From March 1954 to March 1955, General Driessnack was assigned to the 517th Strategic Fighter Squadron at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., as a fighter pilot. He was reassigned on base to the 407th Strategic Fighter Wing as a pilot and wing maintenance control officer. While assigned to Malmstrom General Driessnack performed two three-month periods of temporary duty, the first with the Far East Air Forces and the other in Alaska.

The general entered the Air Force Institute of Technology in February 1958. After graduation in September 1959, he remained at Wright-Patterson and worked as a research and development staff officer and program control officer in the C-133 and C-141 System Program Offices at the Aeronautical Systems Division. In September 1962 he entered Air Command and Staff College.

In July 1963 General Driessnack transferred to Headquarters Air Force Systems Command, Andrews Air Force Base, Md., and was assigned to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Comptroller, as a research and development officer in the Management Systems Development Division.

From May 1964 to June 1968, he was a management system specialist in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Financial Management). He then returned to Air Force Systems Command headquarters as chief, Cost Information and Management System Division, in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Comptroller.

In August 1969 he entered the Naval War College and after graduation in July 1970 he returned to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Comptroller, Headquarters Air Force Systems Command, as director of cost analysis. From August 1972 to August 1974, General Driessnack served a second tour of duty at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as comptroller for the Aeronautical Systems Division.

The general was named deputy chief of staff, comptroller, for Headquarters Air Force systems Command in August 1974. In May 1976 he became deputy chief of staff, procurement and production there. He was appointed director of budget, Office of the Comptroller of the Air Force, Headquarters U.S. Air Force in December 1976 and in August 1978 he was appointed comptroller of the Air Force. He assumed his present duties in July 1981.

His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Presidential Unit Citation emblem, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award ribbon, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award ribbon and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation emblem.

He was promoted to lieutenant general Aug. 22, 1978, with same date of rank.

His hometown is Yonkers, N.Y.

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