

# DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT



**MAJOR GENERAL  
RONALD LOWE**  
*U. S. Army, Retired*

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Major General Ronald Lowe was commissioned as an Infantry officer in 1966 at San Jose State University. Following completion of the Infantry Officer Basic Course and the Airborne School, he served in Europe as a mechanized infantry platoon leader and company commander. In 1968, he began a year's service as an adviser to the Vietnamese militia forces. He returned to the United States where he served as the Chief of the Enlisted Separations Branch at the U.S. Army Personnel Center, Oakland, California. In 1970, he left active service to begin his civilian career with the Pacific Telephone Company. In 1972, he joined the 351st Civil Affairs Command in Mountain View, California, and served as the Secretary of the General Staff. He next assumed command of the 14th Psychological Operations Battalion, a subordinate unit of the 351st Civil Affairs Command. This battalion provided psychological operations support to the Army's V Corps in Central Europe.

Major General Lowe returned to the 351st Civil Affairs Command as the Director of Operations. In 1988, he assumed command of the 351st Civil Affairs Command and was promoted to Brigadier General. In 1992, Maj. Gen. Lowe became an Individual Mobilization Augmentee and was assigned as the Deputy Director of Army Communications and Information Systems in the Office of the Secretary of the Army, where he was promoted to Major General.

In 2000, Maj. Gen. Lowe was in the first group of 10 Reserve Component general officers to be mobilized for active duty assignments to one of the 10 U.S. Regional Combatant Commands, a program referred to as the Chairman's Ten Program. General Lowe's active duty assignment was as Chief of Staff of the United States Army Pacific Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii. He served in this capacity for three years.

Major General Lowe retired from the Army in June 2004 after 38 years of active and reserve service. For many years, Maj. Gen. Lowe was a Director of the Civil Affairs Association. He was National President of the Association in 1988. He received the Civil Affairs Association's Eli E. Nobleman Annual Award in 1990. He served as President of the Senior Army Reserve Commanders Association and is in the Senior Army Reserve Commanders Association Hall of Fame.

Major General Lowe is a graduate of the Civil Affairs Officer Advanced Course, the Civil Military Operations Course, the Psychological Operations Officer Course, the Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. He holds a bachelor's degree from San Jose State University and completed advanced management programs at the University of California, Berkeley, Michigan State University, the University of California-Los Angeles, Stanford University and Harvard University.

Major General Lowe is married to the former Lindsay Jones of Atherton, California. They reside in Danville, California, and are the proud parents of three sons and two grandsons.