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# Eugene Forrester

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## Lieutenant General Eugene Priest

**Forrester** was the commander of [United States Army Pacific](#) (Western Command) from 1981 until his retirement in 1983. A graduate of the [West Point](#) in 1948, where he was a classmate of [Alexander Haig](#).<sup>[1]</sup> He also earned a [Master of International Studies](#) from [George Washington University](#) and an [Legum Doctor](#) from [Chung Ang University](#) in Korea. His military schooling includes the [Armed Forces Staff College](#), the [British Army Staff College](#), and the [National War College](#).<sup>[2]</sup> During the [Vietnam War](#), Forrester served two combat tours, commanding the 3rd Brigade, [4th Infantry Division](#) in 1968 and as assistant division commander for the [1st Cavalry Division](#) in 1970. The following year he served

**Eugene Forrester**



<b>Born</b>	April 17, 1926 <a href="#">Watertown, Tennessee</a>
<b>Died</b>	July 25, 2012 (aged 86)

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on the Civil Operations and Rural Development Support for the Headquarters of the Military Assistance Command in Vietnam.<sup>[3]</sup>

Oversaw the amnesty program for Vietnam era deserters and draft evaders.<sup>[1]</sup>

Major commands for Forrester include commanding the US Army Administration

Center at [Fort Harrison, Indiana](#), from 1973 to

1975. He commanded the [United States Army Recruiting Command](#) at [Fort Sheridan, Illinois](#), from 1975 to 1978. Prior to his Hawaiian command he commanded the [Sixth United States Army](#) at the Presidio, and then the Combined Field Army in Korea. Among General Forrester's decorations are the [Distinguished Service Medal](#), the [Silver Star](#), the [Legion of Merit](#), and the [Bronze Star](#).<sup>[3]</sup>

He died in Washington, D.C. in 2012.<sup>[4]</sup>

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