



Lieutenant General Jack W. Klimp - Retired



Lieutenant General Jack W. Klimp was the Deputy Commandant for Manpower & Reserve Affairs, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. from November 1998 until his retirement on 1 June 2001.

General Klimp was born on Sept. 9, 1945 in Kalamazoo, Mich. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1968 with a B.S. degree and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps. He also holds M.A. degrees in Public Administration and National Security and Strategic Studies. He is a graduate of the Amphibious Warfare School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Naval War College.

After completion of The Basic School at Quantico, Va., he received orders to the Republic of Vietnam, where he received his initiation to combat as a platoon commander, company executive officer and company commander of Company G, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines.

Subsequent command tours include: Companies B and C, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion; Company B, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, MCRD, San Diego; Marine Corps Recruiting Station, Phoenix, Ariz., 3d Battalion, 5th Marines as well as Task Force Mogadishu and Marine Forces Somalia during Operation Restore Hope.

General Klimp has served as an instructor at the Naval Academy and The Basic School. His staff assignments include tours as an Assistant Provost Marshal; Aide-de-Camp; Recruit Training Battalion Executive Officer; Recruit Training Regiment S-3; Marine Amphibious Unit S-4; Plans Officer for the Combined Forces Command in Seoul, Korea; Assistant G-3, 1st Marine Division; Chief, Field Training Exercise Branch; Chief, Exercise Division; Operations Directorate J-3; and Director of the Joint Operations Center, U.S. Central Command during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

In March 1993, while serving as Commander, Task Force Mogadishu, during Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, he was selected for promotion to brigadier general. He was advanced to that grade on June 2, 1993, and assumed assignment as the Commanding General Marine Corps Recruit Depot and Commanding General, Eastern Recruiting Region, Parris Island, S.C., on June 25, 1993. General Klimp assumed his last assignment as the Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command, Headquarters, Washington, D.C. on July 21, 1995. He was promoted to lieutenant general on November

6, 1998, and was assigned as Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. Upon retirement, General Klimp joined Phoenix House in New York as Vice President and Director of the New York region and conducted drug rehabilitation programs throughout the city and the state of New York, for both adults and adolescents. He is now President of GAMA, Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association, a trade association headquartered in Arlington Virginia.

His personal decorations include: the Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V"; the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Joint Service Commendation Medal; Navy and Marine Commendation Award; Navy Achievement Medal; Combat Action Ribbon; and the Korean Order of National Security Merit Samil Medal.