



BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN S. CROW **US Army, Retired**

NDR Hall of Fame Induction: 20 April 1985

Brigadier General Crow received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Northwestern State College and commissioned as a Cavalry officer in 1959.

He commanded a cavalry platoon and troop in 3rd Cavalry; a tank company in 3rd Armored Division; a tank squadron in the 11th Hussars (PAO); and a British regiment posted in north Germany. He commanded a cavalry squadron in the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, and he was the 49th Colonel of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Blackhorse). His last tactical command was as Commanding General, 2nd Armored Division (Forward) in north Germany.

Additionally, he served on various assignments on the Army Staff working on tank system developments and as Deputy Director for Operations, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Many will remember then Colonel Crow in a 60 Minutes interview with Mike Wallace along the East/West German border while he commanded the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Blackhorse).

Brigadier General Crow is a graduate of the US Armor School, the US Army Command and General Staff College, and the National War College. In 1983, he was made a National Institute of Higher Defense Studies Fellow. Additionally, he holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Alabama.

He is a decorated combat veteran having served multiple tours in Vietnam. His awards and decorations include the Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. He was the 2012 recipient of the Order of Saint George Gold Medallion, one of Cavalry and Armor's most prestigious awards.

General Crow is retired and resides in his home state of Louisiana where he has served as a volunteer with non-profit charitable organizations. His passion in retirement was leading the revitalization of The Blackhorse Association that mainly supports educational opportunities for children of the Blackhorse Regiment.