





1969 ANNUAL FIELD TRAINING

40th ARMORED BRIGADE (Sep)

Ft. Irwin, California



BRIGADE DATA

BATTLE CREDITS

World War I Meusse River

World War II..... Bismark Archipelago
Luzon
Southern Phillipines

Korea Second Korean Winter

Korean Summer-Fall 1952

Third Korean Winter

Korean Summer-Fall 1953

The 40th Armored Brigade is the only Separate Armored Brigade within the National Guard or the Army of the United States today. It is one of many components which comprise the core of the Nation's military reserve.

The Brigade is organized entirely in Southern California, attached and assigned units include Armor, Infantry, Artillery, Signal, Engineer, Reconnaissance, Maintenance, Supply and Transportation, Military Police, Administration and Medical representation.

KEY PERSONNEL



40th ARMORED BRIGADE (Sep)

40th ARMORED BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS Brigade Commander Brigadier General Charles Starr, Jr. Colonel John C. Evleth Brigade Executive Officer Lt. Colonel James D. Benson Brigade S1 Major Donald N. Clement Brigade S2 Major Nenad Mihaljevich Brigade S3 Lt. Colonel Donald E. Hunt Brigade S4 Major William F. Bryant Headquarters Company Commander Captain Dewey C. Mayes 132nd Engineering Company	n t h
Company Commander	r
Troop E, 111th CAVALRY Troop Commander1st Lt. C. V. Martinolich	1
40th SUPPORT BATTALION Battalion Commander	s 1 r i
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1st Battalion, 144th ARTILLERY Battalion Commander	n n s



40th ARMORED BRIGADE (Sep)





COMMANDING GENERAL

BRIGADIER GENERAL CHARLES STARR, JR.

General Starr was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant upon his graduation from Pennsylvania Military College in 1940. During World War II he served as Assistant S2 and Assistant S3 of the 967th Artillery Battalion with the 9th Army.

In 1946, he went to the USAR and was assigned as S3 of the 756th Field Artillery Battalion. He was called to active duty with the battalion as Executive Officer in 1950 and served with the 756th in Europe for two years.

General Starr left the Reserves in 1955 to join the Pennsylvania National Guard. He served as Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, 107th Artillery, 28th Infantry Division, and joined the 40th Armored Division in October 1960.

With the 40th, General Starr has served as S3 of Division Artillery, Commanding Officer of the 4th Battalion, 144th Artillery, Division G1 and Executive Officer of Division Artillery. He was promoted to the rank of Colonel on 31 May 1966 and assumed command of the Division Support Command on 1 June 1966. In May 1967, he was appointed Division Artillery Commander.

He was named Deputy Brigade Commander of the 40th Infantry Brigade on 29 January 1968 upon reorganization of the California National Guard and on 1 July 1968 took command of the Brigade. He was named to his present assignment on 1 September 1968 and was promoted to his present rank on 10 October 1968.

Among his awards are the Bronze Star and the Air Medal.

In addition to his Bachelor of Science degree from Pennsylvania Military College, he holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Pittsburgh Law School and an honorary Bachelor of Military Science degree from PMC.

He attended the Basic Artillery Officers Course, the Field Grade Officers Refresher Course and is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College.

In civilian life, General Starr is a vice president of United California Bank, in charge of new business trusts in California and of all trust branches outside the Los Angeles area. He resides in Los Angeles.



40th ARMORED BRIGADE (Sep)





DEPUTY BRIGADE COMMANDER

COLONEL JOHN C. EVLETH

COL John C. Evleth, the 40th Armored Brigade's Deputy Commander, received his commission in June 1942 after attending Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., two years after his enlistment at Fort MacArthur, Calif.

He was assigned to the Tank Destroyer Center at Camp Hood, Texas, but was soon reassigned to duty in the European Theater as a Company Commander and S4 of a tank destroyer battalion.

COL Evleth joined the California National Guard in August 1950 and served as SI and Battalion Commander of the 149th Tank Battalion of the 49th Infantry Division. He joined the 40th Infantry Division in 1954, when he moved to Southern California.

He was immediately assigned as Executive Officer of the Division Trains and he assumed command of the 160th Armored Infantry Battalion in November 1957. He has since commanded the 3rd Battalion, 160th Infantry in Santa Ana, and the 2rd Battalion, 160th Infantry in San Bernardino.

He was assigned, in September 1964, as Executive Officer, Division Support Command and one year later as the Division Gl. One year after that, COL Evleth was assigned as Commanding Officer of the 1st Brigade, 40th Armored Division. Under the reorganization, he became Deputy Commander of the 40th Armored Brigade.

He and his wife Lorraine are the parents of two daughters and reside in Fullerton. He works in civilian life as a sales engineer for the Meeder Equipment Company of Alhambra.





40th ARMORED BRIGADE (Sep)



BRIGADE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LT. COLONEL JAMES D. BENSON

LTC James D. Benson served with the 40th Infantry Division, 323rd Military Police Escort Guard Company and went to the Southwest Pacific with the 353rd Engineer Regiment as an enlisted man during World War II, after enlistment in November 1939.

He received his commission through Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., in June 1945, four years after his call to active duty.

After the war, LTC Benson rejoined the 40th Infantry Division and was soon in command of the Medium Tank Company of the 160th Infantry Regiment. Called to active duty again with the division for duty in Korea, he served as the Executive Officer of Company E, 160th Infantry, Company Commander of Company H, 160th Infantry, and as Operations Officer in the 40th Division's Provost Marshall's Office.

After Korea, he returned to National Guard status and after another term as Commanding Officer of the Medium Tank Company, 160th Infantry, he became a full-time technician with the National Guard.

His assignments include Assistant S3 of the 981st Field Artillery Battalion; S3 of the 140th Tank Battalion and Combat Squad C; S3 with the 3rd Brigade, 40th Armored Division; Battalion Commander of the 6th Battalion, 185th Armor and Illth Reconnaissance Squadron; and Executive Officer of the 3rd Brigade, 40th Armored Division. He was then named Executive Officer of the 40th Armored Division.

He graduated from the Command and General Staff College in December 1963.

He and his wife Marjorie, who live in Huntington Beach, have two sons and two daughters.





40th ARMORED BRIGADE (Sep)



BRIGADE S1

MAJOR DONALD N. CLEMENT

MAJ Donald N. Clement enlisted in the 40th Infantry Division in March 1953 and two years later attended the California Military Academy and graduated with a commission as Second Lieutenant.

He was then assigned Company Commander and S4 in the 2nd Battalion, 160th Infantry. He was appointed Assistant G1 at Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 40th Armored Division. When the Division was reorganized, he was assigned Brigade S1.

A resident of Monterey Park with his wife Constance and one child, MAJ Clement graduated from California State College at Los Angeles with a Bachelor of Geography degree in 1966. At present he is working on a masters degree at Cal State LA.

He recently joined the staff of the Los Angeles Times as a staff cartographer, making specialty maps for that newspaper's daily editions and other publications.

He is a member of the Association of American Geographers, the National Council for Geographic Education, the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers and Phi Kappa Phi, a national honor society.





40th ARMORED BRIGADE (Sep)



BRIGADE **S2**

MAJOR NENAD MIHALJEVICH

MAJ Nenad Mihaljevich enlisted in the Army Air Corps in October 1940 and was present at the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor in late 1941. One year later, he was commissioned as an Ordinance Officer, serving in the CBI theater.

After the war, MAJ Mihaljevich served as Company Commander in the Army Reserve in Wisconsin, his home state. He joined the California Army National Guard in 1951 and served in Howitzer Battery of the 111th Armored Cavalry Regiment, which three years later was brought into the 40th Armored Division.

His other posts include Communications Officer with the 139th Tank Battalion and as Assistant Intelligence Officer with Combat Command C, 40th Armored Division Support Command and the 40th Armored Division G2 section.

In 1968, MAJ Mihaljevich taught at the 6th Army Area Intelligence School. He took over his present post as Brigade S2 in January 1969.

MAJ Mihaljevich, a Cum Laude graduate of the University of Wisconsin School of Journalism, received a masters degree from California State College at Los Angeles. He is currently a history and English teacher at El Camino Real High School in Woodland Hills.

He lives with his wife Doris and four sons--Daniel, Mark, Michael, and David--in Reseda.





40th ARMORED BRIGADE (Sep)



BRIGADE S3

LT. COLONEL DONALD E. HUNT

LTC Donald E. Hunt enlisted in the Army in 1942 and served in the Southwest Pacific during World War II. He was involved in the Philippine Liberation and the battle for Guadalcanal. He received the Bronze Star and the Medal of Merit among other awards.

In November 1952, LTC Hunt was commissioned in the Infantry and he subsequently attended career officer courses at Ft. Benning, Ga., and Ft. Knox, Ky.

He was Company Commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 40th Infantry Division from 1952-1959. In 1964 he was assigned as Commandant of HHC, 40th Infantry Division and in 1966 assigned as Executive Officer of HHC, 1st Battalion, 160th Infantry.

In January 1969 he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel and assigned as S3 of the 40th Armored Brigade.

In addition to his duties as S3, LTC Hunt is also Commanding Officer of the 1st Cadet Company at the California Military Academy, a post he has held for the past 11 years.

He graduated from UCLA in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education and soon after became head football coach at Muir High School in Pasadena. For the past seven years, he has been head coach at Pasadena City College and is currently considering a position as coach with a major college team.

His Pasadena City College team was highly ranked nationally in 1961 and LTC Hunt was named San Gabriel Valley Coach of the Year. In 1967, PCC played in the Junior Rose Bowl, the last junior college to play in that classic.

He resides in La Canada with his wife LaVerne and son Michael.





40th ARMORED BRIGADE (Sep)



BRIGADE **S4**

MAJOR WILLIAM F. BRYANT

MAJ William F. Bryant was born in Long Beach and in 1949 he enlisted in the Marine Corps. In 1950, as a member of the 1st Marine Division, he was sent to Korea and spent 20 months there during the Korean War.

Upon leaving active duty in 1954, he joined the 40th Armored Division of the California National Guard and in 1957 received a commission at Ft. Benning, Ga.

He was later assigned to the 1st Battalion, 160th Infantry and subsequently assigned Assistant S3 of Headquarters Infantry Brigade. He was promoted to the rank of major in October 1968 and assigned S3 of the 40th Armored Brigade on 1 April 1969.

He has attended numerous universities including the University of California and Stanford, majoring in liberal arts. He recently graduated from the Armored Officers Advanced Course and this summer will be attending the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

In civilian life, MAJ Bryant is national director of education and training for Everest and Jennings, a major medical equipment and manufacturing company. His work has taken him to most of the 50 states.

He lives with his wife Virginia in Mission Hills in the San Fernando Valley. They have four sons and two daughters.