

**98th Division (IT)  
Change of Command  
between  
Major General  
Charles E. Wilson  
and  
Major General  
Bruce E. Robinson**



**4 August 2002**

## **Change of Command**

**The United States Army adopted the custom of passing the colors from the British, and instituted it in the 1700s when General George Washington assumed command at Boston on 3 July 1775.**

**The purpose of a change of command ceremony is to pass command and control (authority) of the unit from the old commander to the new. Additionally, passing of the unit colors emphasizes that the organization is more important than one individual, and that even though a commander may change, the organization remains constant and continuity will remain.**

**The history, traditions and accomplishments of the command are embodied in these colors. With the transfer, the unit's legacy is passed on as a building block for future performance and achievements. Historically, these colors served as the point around which the soldiers of the organization rallied as they moved forward in combat and signified the continuity of the organization even if the commander fell in battle. All others within the organization may perish, but the colors live forever with the transfer of responsibility for accomplishment of the mission and welfare of the soldiers.**

## Sequence of Events

<b>Formation of Troops</b>	<b>Soldiers of the 98th Division (IT)</b>
<b>*Ruffles and Flourishes</b>	<b>98th Division (IT) Band</b>
<b>*Posting the Colors</b>	<b>98th Division (IT) Color Guard</b>
<b>*Invocation</b>	<b>COL Richard Schweinsburg 98th Division (IT) Chaplain</b>
<b>Presentation of Command</b>	<b>COL Joseph Ward Chief of Staff Commander of Troops</b>
<b>*The National Anthem</b>	<b>98th Division (IT) Band</b>
<b>The Change of Command</b>	<b>LTG James Helmly Chief, Army Reserve &amp; Commanding General U.S. Army Reserve Command</b>
	<b>MG Charles E. Wilson Outgoing Commander</b>
	<b>MG Bruce E. Robinson Incoming Commander</b>
	<b>CSM Charles R. Boehnke Command Sergeant Major 98th Division (IT)</b>
<b>Presentation of Awards</b>	<b>LTG James Helmly</b>
<b>*Benediction</b>	<b>COL Richard Schweinsburg</b>
<b>*Retiring the Colors</b>	<b>98th Division (IT) Color Guard</b>
<b>*The Army Song</b>	<b>98th Division (IT) Band</b>

**\* Please stand during items marked with an asterisk.**

## **Lineage and Honors**

**Constituted 23 July 1918**

**Demobilized November 1918 at Camp McClellan**

**Reconstituted 24 June 1921 in the Organized Reserves**

**Organized November 1921 at Syracuse, New York**

**Ordered into Active Service 15 November 1942 at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky**

**Inactivated 16 February 1946 at Osaka, Japan**

**Activated 19 December 1946 in the Organized Reserves at Syracuse, New York**

**Redesignated and reorganized 1 May 1959 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 98th Division (Training)**

**Reorganized 1 October 1994 as 98th Division (Institutional Training)**

## **Campaign Streamers**

### **World War II**

**Asiatic - Pacific without Inscription**



## 98th Division (IT)

### HQS, 98th DIV(IT)

Rochester, NY

DSS

Syracuse, NY

RTS-Maint

DRFTA, MA

6th BDE

Syracuse, NY

4th BDE

West Hartford, CT

7th Bde

Rochester, NY

8th Bde

West Hartford, CT

1st BDE

Providence, RI

2nd BDE

Buffalo, NY

3rd BDE

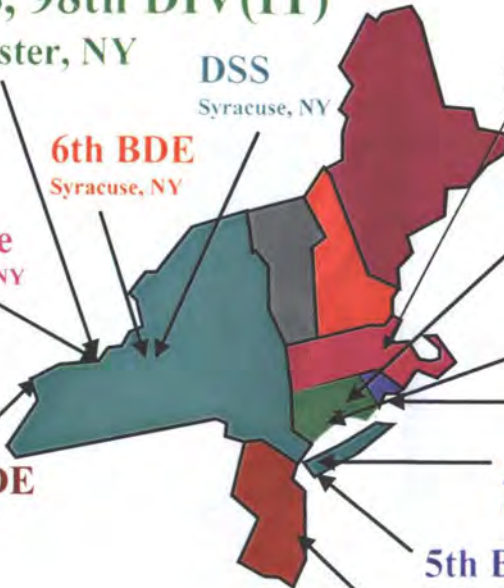
Bronx, NY

5th BDE

Ft. Hamilton, NY

NCO Academy

Ft. Dix, NJ





**LIEUTENANT GENERAL JAMES HELMLY**

Lieutenant General James R. Helmly was confirmed by the U.S. Senate for promotion to lieutenant general and appointment as the Chief, Army Reserve, March 21, 2002. He took command of the U.S. Army Reserve Command on May 3, 2002, and became the Chief, Army Reserve, on May 25, 2002. His promotion to three star rank was effective on May 25, 2002.

Lieutenant General Helmly, a Vietnam combat veteran, was most recently assigned as the Commanding General of the 78th Division (Training Support), headquartered in Edison, New Jersey.

He served as the Deputy Chief, Army Reserve, Washington, DC, from June 1995 to June 1999. From June 1999 to August 1999, he served as the commander of the joint task force conducting Operation PROVIDE REFUGE at Fort Dix, N.J. Until taking command of the 78th Division in May 2001, he was the Military Assistant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (Individual Mobilization Augmentee), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Washington, DC, from October 1999 to May 2001.

A native of Savannah, Ga., Lieutenant General Helmly entered the Army as an enlisted soldier in 1966 and received his commission through Officer Candidate School in 1967.

He served on active duty from 1966 to 1973 in a variety of company- and battalion-level assignments, to include two tours in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division and command of an infantry company in Panama.

As an Army Reservist, Lieutenant General Helmly has held logistics and operations positions in the 87th Maneuver Area Command and the 81st Army Reserve Command (ARCOM). He commanded the 352nd Maintenance Battalion in Macon, Ga., and the 449th Area Support Group in Forest Park, Ga. He was also the Deputy Chief of Staff for Training and the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel of the 81st ARCOM.

His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College and the Army War College. He has a bachelor's degree in liberal studies from the State University of New York in Albany.

Among his numerous awards and decorations are the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with Valor Device and three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with silver Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge and the Ranger Tab. He was inducted into the Infantry Hall of Fame in 1996.

At the time of his selection, in his civilian occupation, Lieutenant General Helmly was serving as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations at the Total Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, Va. Prior to becoming the Deputy Chief, Army Reserve, in 1995, he was a civilian supervisory program analyst at Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Ga. He has twice been awarded the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal.



**MAJOR GENERAL CHARLES E. WILSON**

Major General Charles E. Wilson was drafted into active duty status in July 1966, completed Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky and completed AIT at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri as a combat engineer (12B). After completing Transportation Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Fort Eustis, Virginia, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in October 1970. His initial assignment was as a Basic Combat Training Officer with the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade (BCT) at Ford Ord, California. In July 1969, he attended and completed the Aviation Maintenance Officer Course at Fort Eustis. In October 1969, he was deployed to the Republic of Vietnam where he served as a Logistics Officer with the Aviation Material Management Command, 34<sup>th</sup> General Support Group.

Upon release from active duty in October 1970, Major General Wilson returned to civilian life to pursue studies at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. In May 1975, he joined the U.S. Army Reserve and served as Company Commander of a BCT company with the 2<sup>nd</sup>/330<sup>th</sup> REGT, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 70<sup>th</sup> Division (TNG). In April 1978, he transferred to the Brigade Staff and served as Brigade Supply Officer, Brigade Transportation Officer and Brigade S-4.

In July 1981, Major General Wilson transferred to the 70<sup>th</sup> Division headquarters as the Assistant Division G-4. In June 1983, he took command of the 406<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Battalion (OS/GS), in Ann Arbor, Michigan. In September 1985, he returned to the 70<sup>th</sup> Division (TNG) as the Assistant Chief of Staff G-4. In December 1987, he transferred to the 5032nd USARF School in Romulus, Michigan, serving as a CAS3 Staff Group Leader/Instructor. In May 1988, he took command of 5032nd USARF School. In May 1991, he took command of the 5064<sup>th</sup> USA Garrison, in Inkster, Michigan. In November 1993, he took command of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade (FE), 85<sup>th</sup> Division (Exercise), Selfridge Army National Guard Base, Michigan. His most recent assignment prior to this command was as the Deputy Commanding General of the 80<sup>th</sup> Division (IT), Richmond, Virginia, from May 1987 to March 2000.

Major General Wilson has completed the Transportation and Military Police Advanced Courses, The Command and General Staff College; the Associate Logistic Executive Development Course, the Air War College and the Army War College.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (w/2 oak leaf Clusters), Good Conduct Medal, Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Meritorious Unit Award, Republic of Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation.

He is married to the former Bettye J. Temple of Meridian, Mississippi. They have three children. Their sons, Charles, 21 and Marlon, 24, reside in Detroit, Michigan and both are employed with the Detroit Police Department as automobile theft investigators. Their daughter, Charmese, is 13.

During his long tenure with the Detroit Police Department, he served in every rank from Patrolman to the City of Detroit Chief of Police, a department with over 5,000 members.



**MAJOR GENERAL BRUCE E. ROBINSON**

Major General Bruce E. Robinson was born in Abington, Pennsylvania on 30 May 1949. After high school he attended the United States Military Academy, West Point, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in General Engineering and received his commission in June 1970. He graduated from the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Airborne School and Ranger School. He served as a Weapons Platoon Leader and the Battalion S-3 Air with 1-48 Infantry Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division, Gelnhausen, Germany and as a Racial Relations Instructor for 2nd Brigade, 3rd Armored Division, Gelnhausen, Germany. After Germany he was assigned to Headquarters, Fort Dix, New Jersey as the Assistant Billeting Officer.

In June 1976 he began his career with the United States Army Reserve and the 80<sup>th</sup> Division (Institutional Training), Richmond, Virginia as an Equal Opportunity Officer. He has held a progression of staff and command positions in the 80<sup>th</sup> Division (Institutional Training) culminating as the Assistant Division Commander, 80th Division (Institutional Training).

He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Advance Course, Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

He holds a Masters degree in Business Management from Central Michigan University and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Richmond.

His decorations include Meritorious Service Medals with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Bronze Hourglass Device, Overseas Ribbon, the Parachutist Badge and the Ranger Tab.

He practices private law in South Hill, Virginia and also serves as a Chapter 7 Trustee, United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia.

He and his wife Daisy M. Robinson have four children Thomas, Tracey, Kimberly, and Natalie, and they have two grandchildren Tyler Winckler and Justin Bowers.

# The Army Song

First to fight for the right  
And to build the nation's might,  
And the Army  
Goes rolling along.

Proud of all we have done  
Fighting till the battle's won,  
And the Army  
Goes rolling along.

**Refrain:**

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!  
The Army's on its way,  
Count off the cadence  
Loud and strong.  
For where'er we go,  
You will always know  
That the Army  
Goes rolling along.

## The Colors

To your left is the flag of the United States of America. The colors red, white and blue were specified in a Continental Congress resolution of 14 June 1777. Red symbolizes the hardiness and courage which produces and maintains our freedoms; white stands for the innocence and purity of our national mission as the world's last and best hope for democracy; and blue recognizes the vigilance, perseverance and justice to which every citizen must pledge. The alternating red and white stripes represent the thirteen original colonies. The fifty white stars on the blue field symbolize all the states of our current union. Also known as the 'Stars and Stripes', 'Old Glory', and 'The Star Spangled Banner', the national colors represent the land, people, government and ideals of the United States of America.

In the center is the United States Army Flag. It was authorized by Presidential Executive Order of 12 June 1956. The Army Flag is white, trimmed with yellow. A blue Department of the Army seal is affixed in the center of the flag above a scroll inscribed with the words 'United States Army'. Centered below the scroll are the numerals 1775 representing the birth year of the Army. A battle streamer for each campaign the Army has participated in are below the spearhead. The red, white and blue colors of the Army Flag are borrowed from the National Flag. This is symbolic of the inseparable goals of freedom, justice and sovereignty espoused by the founders of our nation and guaranteed by the soldiers of our Army.

To your right are the colors of the 98<sup>th</sup> Division (Institutional Training) as they were designed when the command was an Infantry Division. The red and blue predominant colors symbolize the infantry-artillery combined arms team. The colors within the central insignia – blue and orange – were those of the Dutch House of Nassau – one of the first patron families to settle on the Hudson River. The main feature of the insignia, an Indian head, represents the Five Nations of the Iroquois, the most powerful Indians of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and renowned to this day for their highly developed system of representative government.

## **98th Division (Institutional Training)**

**The 98<sup>th</sup> Division (Institutional Training), a Direct Reporting Command of the US Army Reserve Command with its headquarters in Rochester, NY. The division consists of over 3,700 soldiers located at Army Reserve Centers spanning all of the New England states, New York and New Jersey. The division is comprised of three Initial Entry Training Brigades, four Army School System Brigades, an ROTC Training Brigade, Drill Sergeant School, NCO Academy, and a Reserve Training Site-Maintenance (RTS-M).**

### **History**

**The 98<sup>th</sup> Division (Institutional Training) was first constituted July 23, 1918, at Camp McClellan, Alabama. It became part of the reserve structure in 1921 and continued operating in upstate New York until 1942. The division was then activated and following training in the continental United States and Hawaii, was targeted to become part of the force constituted for the invasion of Japan. The division served as an occupying force in Osaka, Japan until February 1946. Activated 19 December 1946, as an Infantry Division and a component of the US Army Reserve. In 1959 it was designated a training division. In 1994 a further reorganization resulted in it being designated the 98<sup>th</sup> Division (Institutional Training).**

## 98th Division (Institutional Training) Commanders

Major General Paul L. Ransom	1942-1943*
Major General George W. Griner Jr	1943-1944*
Major General Arthur M. Harper	1945-1946*
Major General Kenneth C. Townson	March 20, 1947-August 31, 1949*
Brigadier General Washington Platt	October 1, 1949-October 6, 1950*
Brigadier General Hugh Barclay	October 7, 1950-March 31, 1953
Major General John W. Morgan	April 1, 1953-January 31, 1957
Major General James C. Mott	April 1, 1957-August 6, 1960
Major General Cooper B. Rhodes	August 7, 1960-October 31, 1964
Major General Laddie L. Stahl	November 1, 1964-June 2, 1975
Major General Harry S. Parmelee	June 3, 1975-June 2, 1979
Major General Charles D. Barrett	June 3, 1979-February 9, 1982
Major General Norbert J. Rappl	February 10, 1982-February 9, 1987
Brigadier General Dean L. Linscott	February 10, 1987-September 2, 1987
Major General Barclay O. Wellman	September 3, 1987-March 14, 1992
Major General Thomas W. Sabo	March 15, 1992-March 14, 1996
Major General Peter A. Gannon	March 15, 1996-March 14, 2000
Major General Charles E. Wilson	March 15, 2000 - August 4, 2002

\* Actual dates are not substantiated.



**The 98th Division (IT) patch consists of a shield in the shape of The Great Seal of the State of New York, with the head of an Iroquois Indian Chief. The five feathers represent the five original Iroquois nations: the Seneca, Onondaga, Oneida, Cayuga, and the Mohawk. The blue and orange-gold colors are those of the Dutch House of Nassau, the earliest settlers of New York State.**