

ROBERT F. DEES

Major General, U.S. Army, Retired

Major General (Retired) Robert F. Dees was born in Amarillo, Texas on 2 February 1950. Graduating from the US Military Academy in 1972, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant of Infantry and awarded a Bachelor of Science degree. He also holds a Masters degree in operations research from the Naval Postgraduate School. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the US Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He was also a Research Fellow at the Royal College of Defence Studies in London and is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Virginia.

General Dees served in a wide variety of command and staff positions culminating in his last three assignments as Assistant Division Commander for Operations, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Commander, Second Infantry Division, United States Forces Korea; and as Deputy Commanding General, V (US/GE) Corps in Europe, concurrently serving as Commander, US-Israeli Combined Task Force for Missile Defense. He commanded airborne, air assault, and mechanized infantry forces from platoon through division level; including two tours as company commander and regimental commander in the historic "Rakkasans," the 187th Regimental Combat Team. General Dees is a Distinguished Member of the Regiment, and now serves as Honorary Colonel of the Regiment for the Rakkasans.



General Dees' awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal (2), Legion of Merit (2), Meritorious Service Medal (6), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and the Republic of Korea Chonsu Order of National Security. General Dees has also been awarded the Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist and Air Assault Badges, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge, and the Joint Staff Identification Badge. General Dees was also awarded the 2003 Centurion Award by the National Association for Evangelicals for long term support to chaplains while in command positions.

Officially retiring from the Army on 1 January 2003, he worked as Director of Homeland Security for Electronic Warfare Associates; then as Executive Director, Defense Strategies, Microsoft Corporation for two years. In that role, General Dees formulated the strategy for Microsoft's US Defense sector and conducted executive engagement with leadership of Microsoft's major defense partners. In addition, he served as Microsoft lead for Reconstruction of Iraq, coordinating efforts with US Government, foreign governments, and private sector partners in the US and abroad. General Dees then served for six years (2004-2010) as Executive Director, Military Ministry; providing spiritual nurture to troops and families around the world. He is now President of RFD, LLC; serving a variety of constituents in the arenas of business, defense, counterterrorism, and care for military troops and families. As well, he serves as Liberty University Associate Vice President for Military Outreach, Military Director for the American Association of Christian Counselors, and Senior Military Advisor for DNA Military.

General Dees is married to the former Kathleen Robinson of Houston, Texas. They have two married children and five grandchildren. Son Rob (with wife Kristy and three children), an Army Major, is currently pursuing a PhD at University of Texas. Daughter Ali (with husband Paul and two children) lives in Rochester, NY. General and Mrs. Dees currently reside in Williamsburg, VA.

General Dees frequently provides motivational talks at a variety of seminars, as well as commentary on current military and trauma issues in venues such as FOX Huckabee, FOX Business, Focus on the Family, Christian Broadcasting Network, American Association of Christian Counselors, American Family Radio, Wildfire Men's Conferences, New Canaan Society, Pinnacle Forum, Wallbuilders Live, and numerous churches across America. He was recently featured as one of 30 "Master Leaders" by George Barna.

General and Mrs. Dees are grateful for the privilege of continuing to serve our nation during these critical times.