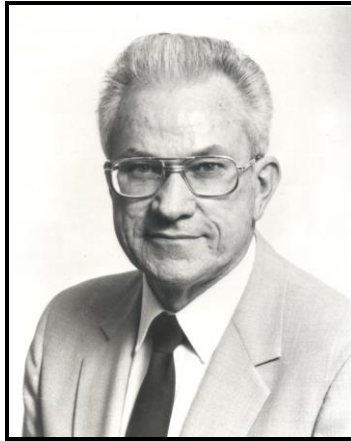


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Howard Boatman

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Citation

Howard Boatman, a 1959 civil engineering graduate of Tennessee Technological University, is a dedicated and well-rounded individual. He has a legacy of association with both the military and engineering professions. In essence, he has two careers. As a United States Army Reserve Colonel, he currently serves as Deputy Chief, Military Engineering and Topography Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Engineers, Headquarters, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC. He also holds a civilian position as Chief, Operations and Readiness Division, United States Engineering District, Nashville.

Following his graduation in 1959, Boatman began his Federal career as a Civil Engineer with the Corps of Engineers in Louisville, Kentucky. He served the Louisville District in various capacities until 1972 when he was promoted to his present position in the Nashville District. As Chief, Operations and Readiness Division, he directs the operation, maintenance and construction activities for nine hydropower plants on the Cumberland River, and the navigation system for both the Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers. Over the last fifteen years, he has been a "pioneer" as a Federal manager in many areas. Two of those areas are contracting and automation. He has effected positive reductions in staffing and funds, with continued savings to the government. His introduction of the use of microcomputers for budget and traffic control purposes preceded their current popularity.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1962 and has served as a member of the Kentucky Army National Guard. He was called to active duty in 1968 and saw action in Vietnam. After his active duty tour, he remained in the National Guard and progressed through the ranks, holding various important positions. In 1984 he was promoted to Colonel in the United States Army Reserve and his current position.

He received numerous military accolades, including a Department of the Army Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service, the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation and Army Achievement, National Defense Service Medals, Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and Device and Vietnam Gallantry Cross, plus many local National Guard awards. In his civilian career, he has received many awards and honors, such as Decoration for Meritorious Civilian Service on two separate occasions,

Middle-Tennessee Federal Employee of the Year, the President's Management Improvement Award for improving the design of Newburg Locks & Dam on the Ohio River, which resulted in a savings of \$800,000, plus many outstanding ratings with monetary awards.

He is a registered Professional Engineer in Tennessee and Kentucky and is a member of and serves as National Director for the Society of American Military Engineers. He is also active in the Propeller Club of the US, American Society of Civil Engineers, Engineers Association of Nashville, Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses, Federal Managers Association, National Guard and Reserve Officer's Associations.

He is an active member of a local church where he holds offices of responsibility.



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