

Lt. Gen. David E. Grange, Jr.
USA Ret.
Inducted 2013

Lieutenant General David Grange has served the Nation with distinction since enlisting in 1943 as a parachute infantryman. He served in Europe, taking part in the Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe campaigns as a member of the 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment. After World War II, he served in the 82d Airborne Division and in 1949 he attended Officer Candidate School. General Grange's many post World War II assignments include: Ranger Instructor; Advisor in the Republic of Vietnam (1st tour, 1963-64); Commander 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry (Vietnam, 2d tour, 1967-68); Commander, Division Support Command, 101st Airborne Division (Vietnam, 3rd tour, 1970-71); Commander, 3d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Vietnam, 3rd tour, 1970-71); Director, Ranger Department, U.S. Army Infantry School; Commanding General, 2d Infantry Division, Korea (1978-79); Commanding General, US Army Infantry Center, Fort Benning, Georgia (1979-81); and Commanding General, Sixth U.S. Army (1981-84).

General Grange retired in June 1984, after 41 years of Army service. General Grange's awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Army Distinguished Service Medal, three Silver Stars, two Legions of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Soldier's Medal, the Purple Heart and 38 other combat awards for valor and meritorious service. In addition to the Combat Infantryman Badge (Third Award), he also holds the Master Parachutist Badge with 3 combat jump stars, and the Ranger tab. General Grange is an inaugural member of the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame and the U.S. Army Officer Candidate Hall of Fame. He was selected as 1984 Airborne Trooper of the Year by the Airborne Association, and received the Infantry's "Doughboy Award" in 1994. The annual "LTG David E. Grange, Jr. Best Ranger Competition" was founded in his honor in 1984.

Since his retirement General Grange has had a profound influence on generations of senior leaders of the 28th Division as a senior mentor during numerous Warfighter exercises. His influence has led to success in training and the battlefield.