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# Retired Gen. John Abrams, former TRADOC commander from a family of four-stars, dies at 71

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The former commander of Army Training and Doctrine (<https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-army/2018/07/13/make-our-army-better-how-tradocs-outgoing-senior-nco-helped-change-enlisted-soldiers-careers-for-years-to-come-2/>) Command passed away on Monday at age 71, TRADOC confirmed in a tweet on Thursday.

Retired Gen. John Abrams served 36 years in the Army, enlisting as an armor crewman (<https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-army/2018/05/24/the-army-is-tamping-down-on-re-enlistments-for-some-crowded-moss-is-yours-on-the-list/>) in 1966 and retiring as TRADOC (<https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-army/2018/07/09/a-new-army-pt-test-is-on-its-way-this-is-not-a-drill/>) commander in 2002.

**TRADOC is saddened by the passing of Gen. John N. Abrams. As the TRADOC/CG he always championed leader development, realistic Soldier training & increased capability for the world's greatest Army. Our thoughts & prayers are with Gen. Abrams & his family. <https://t.co/muqw7HpZNY> (<https://t.co/muqw7HpZNY>)— U.S. Army TRADOC (@TRADOC) August 22, 2018 ([https://twitter.com/TRADOC/status/1032341807487758336?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw](https://twitter.com/TRADOC/status/1032341807487758336?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw))**

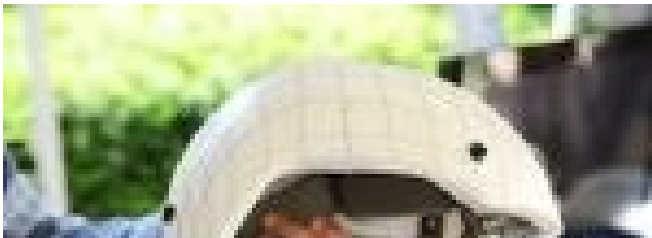
Abrams was the son of retired Gen. Creighton Abrams Jr., a former Army chief of staff, and brother of Gen. Robert Abrams, the current Army Forces Command chief, and retired Brig. Gen. Creighton Abrams III.

Both John Abrams and his father commanded V Corps during their careers, according to the Association of the U.S. Army (<https://www.ausa.org/news/gen-john-n-abrams-dies-71>). He also commanded the 2nd Infantry Division, the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and Joint Task Force Kuwait. He also is known for redesigning the 2nd Infantry Division's Indian head logo, according to AUSA.

**W**e lost a great soldier for life tonight and a hero of mine. My brother was a 2 X Vietnam vet—decorated mutiple times for valor and was WIA twice. Left behind a legacy of leaders from his 36 years of service with the strongest of character and units who knew how to fight and win— Robert Abrams (@DogFaceSoldier) August 21, 2018 (https://twitter.com/DogFaceSoldier/status/1031718700041363456?ref\_src=twsrc%5Etfw) ||

Following retirement, Abrams founded and served as CEO of consulting firm Abrams Learning & Information Systems, Inc., while serving as a military analyst for the Associated Press.

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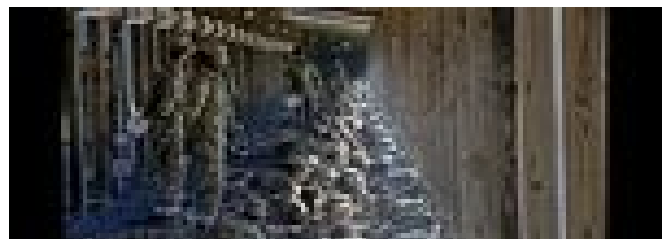


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