

RETIRED ARMY GEN. CARL C. TURNER, 83, DIES

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Carl C. Turner, 83, who served in the Army for nearly 35 years before retiring from active duty in 1968 as a provost marshal general at the rank of major general, died Dec. 31 at Alexandria Hospital after an apparent heart attack. He lived in Springfield.

As provost marshal general, he was responsible for the development of doctrine, concepts and policies for the Army's 25,000 technically trained military police. After working briefly as a security consultant, he served as the Justice Department's chief U.S. marshal for five months in 1969.

High Justice Department officials later told reporters that Gen. Turner was asked to step down as chief marshal when it was discovered that he would be a principal figure in a Senate investigation of irregularities in noncommissioned officers' clubs. Gen. Turner was questioned about these and other irregularities during his years as Army provost marshal general by congressional committees in what media accounts of the events describe as often-acrimonious hearings.

He was sentenced to prison in 1971 for tax evasion and for stealing firearms he had solicited for the Army from civilian law enforcement groups and sold to private collectors. He did not pay income taxes on the money he received from collectors. In 1972, he was paroled from the federal prison camp in Allenwood, Pa., after serving a third of his three-year sentence.

Gen. Turner was a 1939 graduate of Southwestern Teachers College in his native Oklahoma and received a master's degree from George Washington University.

He was commissioned in the Army infantry in 1935 and served in Europe during World War II. He served in the inspector general's office before becoming provost marshal of the Army's elite 18th Airborne Corps in 1956. Two years later, he joined the office of the provost marshal general, where he was chief of the personnel and training division.

In 1960, he returned to the 18th Airborne Corps as its assistant chief of staff. He became a master parachutist in 1961 and participated with the U.S. parachute team at Fort Bragg, N.C. From 1962 to 1964, he was stationed in Europe, where he served as provost marshal of the Army in Europe and graduated from the West German Army parachute school. From 1964 until retiring from active duty in 1968, he served in Washington as the Army provost marshal general.

Gen. Turner was a graduate of the Army Command and Staff College and the National War College. His service decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star and two Army Commendation Medals. He also was the recipient of awards from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Association of Federal Investigators and the Boy Scouts.

He attended St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Springfield. He was a 33rd-degree Scottish Rite Mason, as well as a York Mason and Knight Templar. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, the former Betty Jane Pruitt of Springfield; two children; and two grandchildren. ROBERT TRAUB Medical Entomologist

Robert Traub, 80, a medical entomologist who was a retired Army colonel and a former university professor, died Dec. 21 at Bethesda Naval Hospital. He had prostate cancer and diabetes.

He served in the Army for 20 years before retiring in 1962. He then served on the faculty of the medical microbiology department at the University of Maryland's medical school in Baltimore until 1983. After that, he served as honorary curator of siphonaptera (fleas) at the Smithsonian Institution.

During World War II, he did research on tropical diseases. After the war, he spent much of his subsequent Army career in Asia in such places as Korea, Malaya, Japan, Indonesia, Pakistan and Burma. During those years, he also collected rare mammals, which he donated to Washington's National Zoo.

A scholar and collector of fleas, he was interested in their biology, evolution and importance to medicine. He described more than 150 new varieties of fleas. He was the author of more than 160 technical articles and books. He also described 124 new species of chiggers and wrote about lice, leaches, plagues and tropical biology in general.

He was the recipient of awards from American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, as well as medals from American and British military services. He was part of a team nominated for a 1948 Nobel Prize for its work on scrub typhus. He was a founding member of the Journal of Medical Entomology.

Dr. Traub, who lived in Bethesda, was a native of New York. He was a 1938 biology graduate of the City College of New York. He received a master's degree in medical entomology from Cornell University in 1939 and a doctorate, also in medical entomology, from the University of Illinois in 1947.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Renee, of Bethesda; a son, Roger, of Ossining, N.Y.; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. A daughter, Jeanette Decker, died in 1989. GASPER KICI Radio Executive

Gaspar Kici, 73, who retired as chief of the Albanian section for Voice of America, died of congestive heart failure Dec. 30 at Fairfax Hospital. He had been a Falls Church resident since 1978.

Mr. Kici, a native of Albania, moved to the United States in 1950 and became an instructor at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif. He moved to Washington in 1976 and began work as an editor for Voice of America. He retired as section chief in 1992.

He was the author of an Albanian-English dictionary and an Albanian thesaurus and co-author of an English-Albanian dictionary.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Afrodite Kici of Falls Church; a sister, Cecilia Kici of Albania; and a brother, Rudolf Kici of Detroit. JOHN T. HARRISON III Physician

John Thomas Harrison III, 56, a physician with the Capital Area Permanente Medical Group in Camp Springs and a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, died Dec. 28 in a plane crash near Goldsboro, N.C.

A sheriff's department dispatcher said Dr. Harrison, who was traveling to Myrtle Beach, S.C., on a golf trip, ran low on fuel and radioed the tower at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, near Goldsboro, for permission to land at the base. Heavy morning fog prevented him from seeing the landing strip, and he missed the runway, the dispatcher said.

Dr. Harrison, a board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist, retired from active Air Force duty in 1983 and began practicing medicine in the Washington area. He worked with Kaiser Permanente and also was affiliated with Holy Cross Hospital. His offices were in Camp Springs.

He was a fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. His other memberships included the Aerospace Medical Association, the Flying Physicians Association, the National Medical Association and the Chi Delta Mu professional society. He also belonged to the Tuskegee Airmen, the Arena Stage Association and the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Dr. Harrison, a native of Hartford, Conn., served as an Air Force enlisted man from 1956 to 1958. He was a 1967 zoology graduate of Howard University and also graduated from Howard's medical school. After medical school, he returned to active Air Force duty as an officer. He became a flight surgeon and was stationed in Washington when he retired from the Air Force.

His marriage to Barbara Harrison ended in divorce.

Survivors include a daughter, Tara Angelique Harrison of Oxon Hill; and his mother, Jeannette Harrison Banks, a sister, Yvonne Grant, and a brother, Jerald Harrison, all of New Jersey.

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