

Brigadier General Ronald M. Holdaway, U.S. Army (Retired)

Born in Afton, Wyoming, in 1934, Ronald M. Holdaway graduated from Star Valley High School and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in history in 1957 and his law degree from the University of Wyoming in 1959. Upon completion of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps curriculum and the course of study at the University of Wyoming, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the infantry, later transferring to the Judge Advocate General's Corps. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Basic and Advanced Courses at the Judge Advocate General's School, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University.

Prior to his retirement from the Army, Holdaway held a wide variety of important positions including Chief Judge, United States Army Court of Military Review, and Commander, United States Army Legal Services Agency, Washington, D.C., and Judge Advocate of United States Army Europe and Seventh Army in Heidelberg, Germany.

Other key Army assignments included Executive to the Judge Advocate General, and Assistant Judge Advocate General for Civil Law. Earlier in his career he served in Vietnam as the Staff Judge Advocate of the 1st Cavalry Division. Returning to the United States, he served as Deputy and later as Chief of the Government Appellate Division of the U.S. Army Judiciary. In that capacity he was the Chief Government Appellate Counsel for the appellate phase of the Calley case. Remaining in Washington, he was the Chief of Personnel, Plans and Training Office with the Office of the Judge Advocate General. Following attendance at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Holdaway served as Staff Judge Advocate of VII U.S. Corps in Stuttgart, Germany. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1989 as a Brigadier General.

President George H.W. Bush nominated BG Holdaway to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. After Senate confirmation in 1990, he served in that role until November 2002. He is retired and now serves in a recall status. He is married and has four children.