

MAJOR GENERAL (Retired) Robert A. HARDING **United States Army**



Major General (Retired) Bob Harding is President and CEO of Harding Security Associates, LLC where he provides consulting and support services to US government agencies on HUMINT, Counterintelligence, Security and MASINT. He previously served as the Executive Vice President for Operations at Innovative Logistics Techniques, Inc (INNOLOG) in McLean Virginia where he had corporate responsibility for managing and expanding operational aspects of INNOLOG's \$96 Million dollar business.

In his last military assignment in 2001, General Harding was the US Army's Deputy G2 (Intelligence). He was responsible for the planning and execution of our Army's intelligence programs effecting the acquisition, training, maintaining and sustaining of US Army Intelligence personnel and systems around the world. Prior to that he was the Director for Operations at the Defense Intelligence Agency. In that capacity, from 1997 to 2000, he executed responsibilities as DoD's senior Human Intelligence (HUMINT) officer. He also performed duties as the Director, Defense Human Intelligence Service (DHS); Director of the Defense Attaché System; Director, Central MASINT Office (CMO); and the Functional Manager for Intelligence Collection Management for the Department of Defense. He managed \$1 billion in program requirements.

Prior to being the Director for Operations at DIA, General Harding served as the J2, Intelligence Directorate, United States Southern Command, where he worked directly for Generals Barry McCaffrey and Wes Clark as their intelligence chief. Additionally, he planned and executed operations designed to increase regional cooperation and exchanges in Latin America and was responsible for the Intelligence portions of US contingency planning and crisis actions in the Southern Hemisphere. He also directed intelligence coordination with the Joint Interagency Task Force – East, in the war on Drugs and counter-terrorism.

Major General Harding has served in a variety of command and staff positions. He commanded an Aerial Exploitation Headquarters Company at Fort Bragg, NC, a HUMINT and Counterintelligence Battalion in Korea, and the Army's premier Counterintelligence Group, the 902d, at Fort Meade, Maryland. His staff assignments included intelligence positions in U.S. Forces Command, US Forces Korea, US Army Europe, US Southern Command (Panama), US Army PERSCOM, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Army Staff.

Major General Harding was born on 13 May 1948 in New York City, New York. He received his commission as a second lieutenant from the Officer Candidate School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia on 18 April 1969.

Major General Harding's military education includes the Military Intelligence Officers Advanced Course, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the Naval War College. Major General Harding holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Bowie State University, a Master of Science Degree in Business from Salve Regina University, and a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategy from the U.S. Naval War College.

Among Major General Harding's military awards and decorations are the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Army's Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters.