



DANIEL B. STRICKLER

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MAJOR GENERAL DANIEL B. STRICKLER, commanding general of the 28th Infantry Division, has come up through the ranks to make a success of both his military and civilian careers.

As a soldier, General Strickler enlisted in the Army as a Private during the Mexican Border Campaign in 1916, and after serving in combat in two World Wars he rose to the rank of Major General in 1947.

As a civilian he followed a legal and political career which began when he was elected auditor of Lancaster County, Pa. in 1927 and was climaxed in 1946 when he was elected Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

General Strickler was born May 17, 1897 at Columbia, Pa. His father was a farmer who later became a banker and merchant. He was educated in the public schools of Columbia and in 1916 he graduated with highest honors and as president of his class at Columbia High School.

The military career of General Strickler began shortly after his graduation, when, in July 1916, his unit of the Pennsylvania National Guard was ordered to service on the Mexican Border with the Federal 7th Pennsylvania Division.

Having enlisted as a Private, he had been promoted to the rank of Sergeant before being mustered out early in 1917. In April 1917 he received a commission as a 2d Lieutenant in the Pennsylvania National Guard and he held that rank when, three months later, his unit was again called, this time for duty in World War I.

By the end of World War I he had fought in France seven months, been wounded and gassed and later cited for bravery. Just before the Armistice, he was promoted to Captain and became, at 21, the youngest Captain in World War I.

At the end of the war General Strickler returned home and, in 1919, entered Cornell University. He received his LLB degree from the University Law College in 1922. During his senior year, General Strickler was president of his class, president of the student council, and actively directed many other student groups.

Following graduation General Strickler was admitted as a member of the Bar in Pennsylvania and established a practice in Lancaster, Pa.

A political career began for him in 1927 when he was elected to the first of three terms as Auditor of Lancaster County, Pa. He became a Republican County Committeeman and carried his district in every election from 1928 to 1941 when he re-entered the Army. He was also a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Lancaster County Solicitor.

Between the two World Wars General Strickler was active in reserve activities and rose to the rank of Colonel in 1935 in command of the 313th Infantry Regiment.

With the outbreak of World War II General Strickler voluntarily resigned his Colonel's commission to accept a commission as Lieutenant Colonel in order that he might go on active duty with the 28th Division, his World War I outfit.

In February 1942 he reported to Camp Livingston, La. where the 28th was in training, and he was given command of the 1st Battalion, 112th Infantry Regiment.

General Strickler has stayed with the 28th ever since. Following training in the United States and England, he entered combat with his battalion near St. Lo, Normandy, in July 1944 and saw almost continuous action from then until the end of the war.

In December 1944 he was given command of the 110th Infantry Regiment and promoted to the rank of full Colonel. In this command he took part in many of the sharpest battles of the war including the Battle of the Bulge when he was decorated with the Legion of Merit for reorganizing the regiment after the Battle and taking it into full scale action for the remainder of the war.

In November 1946 General Strickler returned home again to civilian life and a year later was elected Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania.

Since the end of the war he has stayed active in the Pennsylvania National Guard and in March 1946 was made assistant Division commander and promoted to Brigadier General. In June 1947 he took over the post as Division Commander and in December of that year he was promoted to the rank of Major General.

When the 28th Division was federalized September 5, 1950 General Strickler took leave of his post as Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania and led the Division to Camp Atterbury for training. He is the only Officer now serving with the Division who also saw combat as a Division officer in both World Wars.

He has won many decorations during his career including the Silver Star with oak leaf cluster for gallantry in action; the Legion of Merit; the Bronze Star; the Order of Leopold and the Croix de Guerre, both with palms, from the Belgian Government; the Croix de Guerre with palm from France; the Combat Infantry Badge; and the Verdun Medal and Purple Heart from World War I.

General Strickler was married in 1924 and has two children, a daughter 23 and a son 17. His home is at Lancaster, Pa.