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HR\_\_\_\_\_ COMMENDING UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE RETIRED  
BRIGADIER GENERAL VANDIVER H. CARTER ON BEING SELECTED AS  
THE 2026 MARION MILITARY INSTITUTE ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR.

WHEREAS, it is an honor to extend highest  
commendations to United States Army Reserve Retired  
Brigadier General (BG) Vandiver H. Carter on being selected  
as the 2026 Marion Military Institute (MMI) Alumnus of the  
Year; and

WHEREAS, this honor reflects not only BG Carter's  
accomplishments as an alumnus but also his extraordinary and  
sustained commitment to the Institute; over the past 15  
years of service on the MMI Board of Trustees, he has  
provided steady leadership, wise counsel, and unwavering  
advocacy for MMI's mission; his dedication to ensuring the  
continued strength and relevance of MMI has made a lasting  
impact on the institution and the Corps of Cadets it serves;  
and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Vandiver H. Carter, USAR  
was born in Selma, Alabama, and graduated from Albert G.  
Parrish High School in May 1961; after joining the Alabama  
Army National Guard in November, he entered basic training  
in March 1962; upon completion of his six-month tour of  
duty, he entered Marion Military Institute in September; and

WHEREAS, after attending MMI for one year, he



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29 returned to Selma and started a construction company and  
30 investment company with Carter and Smith Realty; in March  
31 1966, he attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning,  
32 Georgia, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in July;  
33 in 1968, he completed the Officer Basic Course at Fort  
34 Eustis, Virginia, and returned to the Alabama Army National  
35 Guard; in July 1969, he returned to active duty and, after  
36 completion of airborne training, was assigned to the 82nd  
37 Airborne Division, with tours of duty in the XVIII ABN Corps  
38 and VII Special Forces Group; and

39 WHEREAS, upon completing his two-year tour of duty,  
40 he returned to the Alabama Army National Guard and continued  
41 his business career with Carter and Smith Realty; and

42 WHEREAS, BG Carter's first assignment in the Guard  
43 was as a platoon leader with a transportation company, and  
44 later he was promoted to company commander in the  
45 Headquarters Company of the 135th Supply and Transportation  
46 Battalion; after being promoted to Major, he served in staff  
47 positions as S-1, S-2/3, and S-4 of the 122nd Support Group  
48 in Selma; and

49 WHEREAS, later, he was assigned to the 135th S and S  
50 Battalion in Jasper, and then promoted to Lieutenant Colonel  
51 and given command of the 440th Ordinance Battalion in  
52 Camden; after three years as Commander of the 440th  
53 Battalion, he was reassigned as Executive Officer of the  
54 226th Support Group in Mobile, and at the conclusion of that  
55 assignment, was promoted to Colonel and Commander of the  
56 122nd Support Group in Selma, for a three-year tour of duty;



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57 at the completion of his three-year tour, he was assigned as  
58 a Security and Plans Officer in the 167th Corps Support  
59 Group in Birmingham; in July 1994, he was promoted to  
60 Brigadier General and assigned as Chief of Staff of the  
61 167th Corps Support Group; he retired in February 1998 after  
62 serving in the military for 37 years; and

63 WHEREAS, BG Carter graduated from the Air University  
64 in 1991, the National Defense University in 1990, the  
65 University of the State of New York in 1987, and the Command  
66 and General Staff College in 1974; and

67 WHEREAS, simultaneously with his military career, he  
68 has served his church and community in countless ways; he  
69 and his wife of 60 years, Marian, have reared three  
70 daughters and are so proud of their seven grandchildren; now  
71 therefore,

72 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
73 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That United States Army Reserve  
74 Retired Brigadier General Vandiver H. Carter is highly  
75 commended for being selected as the 2026 Marion Military  
76 Institute Alumnus of the Year, and this resolution serves as  
77 a tribute to him, along with sincere best wishes for  
78 continued success in all future endeavors.