

# Gen. Boatner

**FORT RICHARDSON, Alaska, Aug. 14** — In an impressive and colorful ceremony, Brigadier General James G. Boatner, 45, succeeded Major General Willard Latham, 47, as Commanding General, 172nd Infantry Brigade (Alaska). In this capacity General Boatner has command of all Army forces in the state.

General Latham was appointed by the Department of the Army to the post of Commanding General, U.S. Army Infantry Center and School, Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Born in Tientsin, China, General Boatner was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1951.

A master parachutist, he served in the Korean War as an Infantry rifle platoon leader, company commander and regimental operations officer with the 15th Infantry, Third Infantry Division.

During the Vietnam War, he activated, trained and deployed the 4th Battalion, 14th Infantry with the 199th Light Infantry Brigade. He commanded the same unit in combat in Vietnam.

Promoted to Brigadier General in 1973, General Boatner was Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army Training Center, Ft. Polk, La., prior to reassignment to Alaska.