

*Lieutenant General (Retired) Marvin D. Brailsford
& Mrs. June Samuel Brailsford*



Marvin D. Brailsford was born in Burkeville, Texas on January 31, 1939. He graduated with honors from Prairie View A&M University in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in biology. He later went on to receive a master's degree in bacteriology from Iowa State University. His educational pursuits also include completion of: the Executive Program at the Graduate School of Business Administration, University of California, Berkeley; Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government; the U.S. Army War College; the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; the Chemical School Advanced Course and the Armor Officer Basic Course.

General Brailsford culminated his 33 years of military service as the deputy commanding general of the United States Army Material Command in 1992. In this position, he was responsible for providing logistical support from the United States to all Army forces in the Mideast during the first Gulf War. During his Army career he held several key positions including commanding general of the U.S. Army Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command, the 59th Ordnance Brigade, the 60th Ordnance Group, the 101st Ordnance Battalion and staff assignments in Vietnam, Germany and the United States.

After his retirement from the Army, he served as president of Metters Industries, an information technology and system engineering company. Currently, he is the CEO of the Brailsford Group, Inc., a management consulting company, which he formed in 1995. General Brailsford is a director of Conn's Inc. and Illinois Tool Works Inc. He is also a retired Vice President of Kaiser-Hill Company, the contractor that successfully accomplished the environmental clean-up and closure of the U.S. Department of Energy nuclear weapons production facility in Rocky Flats, Colorado.

He is actively involved in civic activities of his church, his community and his alma mater. He is a deacon, teacher and a member of the leadership team of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. General Brailsford is currently leading church efforts to build homes for low to moderate income families. He has served on the Beaumont Small Business Advisory Council, the Beaumont Community Block Grant Development Board and the Southeast Texas Community Development Corporation. He is also a Rotarian.

Currently, he serves on the PVAMU capital campaign cabinet and works to solicit funds on behalf of the University. He is working to establish a foundation for PVAMU and spearheaded the development of a strategic plan to revitalize and strengthen the National Alumni Association. He and his wife, alumna June Samuel Brailsford, are diligently working with National Alumni Association to increase alumni participation and support.

General Brailsford is also a recipient of the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal and the Parachutist Badge.

June Samuel Brailsford, raised in Beaumont, Texas, received a bachelor's degree in music from PVAMU in 1960. After graduating from PVAMU, she received a master's degree in music from Trenton State College and completed post graduate courses at Lamar University, Jacksonville State University and The Juilliard School.

Throughout her career Mrs. Brailsford has held teaching and music close to her heart. As a band instructor and choral director in Germany she was beneficial in instructing students on the importance of the arts. She has continuously supported symphony guilds and has served as the minister of music, choir director, organist or pianist at churches in Texas, Alabama, Iowa, Maryland, Colorado, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Germany while accompanying her husband on military assignments. A highlight of her musical career was her selection to train a church choir to perform with famed music artists Celine Dion and John Tesh. She also served as the accompanist for the Paul Hill Chorale and Children's Choir during a performance at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Brailsford has provided hundreds of hours of community service to several civic activities and educational initiatives. She has played a key leadership role in raising funds to provide scholarships for Beaumont High School students attending Prairie View A&M University and served on the Beaumont Historic Landmark Commission, the Beaumont Convention and Visitors Bureau and currently chairs the Fine Arts Academy of the Golden Triangle chapter of the Links, Incorporated. An avid bible reader, she is a discussion leader for Bible Study Fellowship International and serves as deaconess at her church. Additionally, she has served on the advisory board of Route One Corridor Housing, Inc., volunteered with the Red Cross and assisted with the Army's community services in various communities in the United States and Europe. Her dedication to the community is even more evident as she is committed to providing crucial support to the families of soldiers deployed to Iraq.

Mrs. Brailsford is the recipient of the Molly Pitcher award for outstanding community service, the Department of the Army Outstanding Civilian Service Award, the honorary president of the Officers Wives Club and the Department of the Army Distinguished Civilian Service Award. She is listed in the Marquis Who's Who in America and Who's Who of American Women.

Mrs. June Samuel Brailsford is an active member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and a life member of the NAACP. She and her husband have three children, Marvin Jr., deceased, Keith and Cynthia Brailsford Jordan. They have two grandchildren, Brittny Brailsford, a Prairie View A&M University student and Anthony Brailsford.