

General, Censured Over Mylai Killings, Will Retire June 30

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WASHINGTON, June 11 (AP) —An Army general censured for allegedly failing to meet the required standards of performance in investigating the Mylai massacre will retire June 30.

A Pentagon spokesman, Jerry W. Friedheim, said that Brig. Gen. George H. Young Jr., 50 years old, had asked to retire and that the Army had approved his request. General Young has served more than 29 years.

Mr. Friedheim also announced a new assignment for Brig. Gen. Samuel Koster, who was demoted from major general on the ground that he failed to investigate the massacre adequately after it occurred in March, 1968.

General Koster, 51, will move from headquarters of the First Army at Fort Meade, Md., to become deputy commander of the Army's Test and Evaluation Command at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland Aug. 1.

He was the commanding general of the Americal Division at the time of the Mylai incident and General Young was assistant division commander. A platoon commanded by Lieut. William L. Calley, convicted of murder in the Mylai incident, was part of the Americal Division.

Originally, General Koster, General Young and 12 other officers were charged with having covered up the massacre, but those criminal charges were dropped and administrative actions were taken against the two generals.

General Koster, a former West Point superintendent, also was censured and a Distinguished Service Medal was withdrawn.

But Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor rejected a recommendation from Army leaders that General Young be reduced in rank. However, Mr. Resor upheld a letter of censure for him and cancellation of his Distinguished Service Medal.

After Mr. Resor acted May 19, General Young issued a statement saying that "justice has been absent in my case."