

COLONEL TALBOTT BARNARD

COLONEL TALBOTT BARNARD, new Commanding Officer of the United States Army Field Artillery Missile Group Number 9 is a native of Detroit, Michigan; a graduate of the University of Omaha, and a veteran of 25 years military service.

Colonel Barnard enlisted in the service in 1948 and served four years as an enlisted man prior to attending Officer Candidate School. For the next thirteen years, Colonel Barnard served in a variety of command and staff positions including a tour in Vietnam in 1962.

In 1965, Colonel Barnard graduated from the Army Command and General Staff College and remained at Fort Leavenworth to instruct in Joint Airborne Operations. Upon completion of this tour in 1968, Colonel Barnard returned to Vietnam as a battalion commander with the Americal Division.

Upon returning from Vietnam, Colonel Barnard was assigned to Field Artillery Branch, OPD, and held a variety of positions there prior to attending the US Army War College in 1971. Following graduation, Colonel Barnard worked in the Plans and Evaluation Division for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Colonel Barnard's decorations include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal with Valor device and Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal and Master Parachutist Badge.