

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

COLONEL GERARD P. BARRETT

Colonel Jerry Barrett was drafted into the Army in 1966. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery upon completion of Officer Candidate School in 1967. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Cameron University, Lawton Oklahoma, a Master of Education Degree in human services from Boston University, and a Master of Science Degree in acquisition management from Florida Institute of Technology. He is a graduate of the Defense Systems Management College, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Army Organizational Effectiveness Staff Officer Course, and the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advance Courses. Prior to assuming his current position, Colonel Barrett has served in a variety of acquisition and Field Artillery assignments. From 1985-1991, he was assigned to the Army Tactical Missile System <Army TACMS> Project Office, serving initially as an Assistant Project Manager, and then as the Product Manager for Smart Submunition Warhead Development, managing the demonstration/validation of the Infrared Terminally Guided Submunition <IRTGSM>. Previous assignments include a tour as a Reserve Component Advisor with Readiness Group Redstone, and a four year assignment in Germany as Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 40th Field Artillery, Adjutant and assistant Operations Officer, 3rd Armored Division Artillery, and Organizational Effectiveness Staff Officer and assistant G1, Headquarters, 3rd Armored Division. Colonel Barrett spent five years at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in the early 1970s serving as Battery Commander, Battery B, 1st Cannon Training Battalion and assistant S1, U.S. Army Field Artillery Training Center. He served seventeen months in Vietnam as a Battalion and Division Artillery Intelligence Staff Officer and assistant G3 and Division Liaison Officer. Other assignments include a tour with the Field Artillery Board, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command and various Battalion and Battery positions with the 2nd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery, 24th Infantry Division.

Colonel Barrett's awards include the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device and two Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and numerous other service medals and ribbons.