

Colonel James Carmona – Artillery OCS Class 2-64

Colonel Carmona was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on May 31, 1943. He graduated from Omaha South High School in 1961. He attended Cameron University, Lawton, Oklahoma, earning a Bachelor of Science in General Education in 1973. He received his Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1978.

His military education includes Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, 1964; Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course, 1969; Sixth Army Race Relations School, 1975; Inspector General Orientation Course, 1979; and Command and General Staff College, 1982.

Colonel Carmona began his military service in July 1962, when he enlisted in the U.S. Army at Omaha, Nebraska. He advanced to the rank of Sergeant and in 1964 was commissioned a Second Lieutenant Field Artillery Officer. He served two years in Vietnam as an advisor and artillery battery commander. He participated in the following campaigns: Vietnam Defensive, Counter Offensive, Counter Offensive Phase II, Winter-Spring 1970, Sanctuary Counter Offensive, and Counter Offensive Phase VII. After his discharge as a Captain in August 1974, he returned to Nebraska and joined the Nebraska Army National Guard in January 1975. He was assigned as Race Relations/Equal Opportunity Operations Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Nebraska Army National Guard until 1977. He was promoted to Major and reassigned as Communications and Electronics Officer, Headquarters, 67th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized). He was assigned as Inspector General, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Nebraska Army National Guard in August 1978. In 1982, he was assigned as Assistant Director of Administration, Headquarters, State Area Command, Nebraska Army National Guard. Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel 19 November 1982. Promoted to Major General (Nebraska) and appointed Adjutant General Designee for Nebraska on 2 September 1983. He assumed command on 1 November 1983. He was promoted to Colonel on 19 November 1985.

DECORATIONS: Army awards include Bronze Star Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters; Meritorious Service Medal; Air Medal; Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; and Combat Infantryman Badge.

Republic of Vietnam decorations include Campaign Medal; Valorous Unit Award; Gallantry Cross Unit Citation Badge with palms; and Civil Actions Medal Unit Citation Badge.

Nebraska National Guard awards include Meritorious Service Medal; Commendation Medal; Emergency Service Medal, and Service Medal (ten years).