

**Biographical Sketch
of
RUSSELL H. DAVIS, JR.**

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Russell H. Davis, Jr. was born in Miami, Florida, June 8, 1934. He attended Andrew Jackson Senior High School in Miami and joined the U.S. Army in June, 1952. After completing basic training at Fort Jackson, SC, he was assigned to Korea as part of the 9th FA Bn, 3rd Inf Div as a cannoneer in January 1953.

Following the truce in July 1953, he was transferred to the 61st FA Bn, 1st Cavalry Division in Japan where he achieved the rank of Sergeant and earned his highschool diploma. After attending Advanced FA Survey School at Ft Sill, OK in 1957, he was assigned to Ft Hood, TX as the Survey Platoon Sergeant of an Honest John Bn, the 634th. In 1958 he was promoted to Sergeant First Class and applied for Officer Candidate School. In March 1959 he attended OCS at Fort Sill and was graduated a Distinguished Military Graduate in Sep 1959 as a Lieutenant of Field Artillery and assigned to a Target Acquisition Bn of VII Corps in Stuttgart, Ger.

After completing the FA Officers' Advanced Course in 1964 at Fort Sill and Fort Bliss, he began alternating assignments in Public Affairs and the Field Artillery.

He served two tours in South Vietnam, the first in 1966 in the Delta as the MACV PAO and again in 1971 as Bn Exec of the 2d Bn, 32d FA Bn. It was during the latter tour that he was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor as a fire base commander. In all, he was presented five Bronze Stars, four of which were for Service. His most prized award is the Good Conduct Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster for his service as an enlisted man.

Prior to his second tour in South Vietnam, he served as Special Assistant to CINCPAC, Admiral John S. McCain in Hawaii.

He attended the Army Staff College at Ft Leavenworth in 1971-72. Following C&GSC, he returned again to Ft Sill's FA School in 1974 as a Division Chief and later the Asst Director of the Counterfire Department. Shortly after being promoted to LTC in 1977 he was assigned once again to VII Corps in Stuttgart as the Corps PAO. After attending the Public Affairs Graduate Course in 1980 at the University of South Carolina, he was given the task of opening a DA Public Affairs Office in Chicago and was promoted to Colonel a short time later.

In 1981 he was assigned to the U.S. Readiness Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida as the PAO and retired five years later in April 1986 with almost 34 years of service. Following retirement he joined the investment and life insurance industry concentrating in retirement planning. He has earned the designation of Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow (LUTCF) and currently owns Fidelity Financial Associates, an investment and life insurance agency in Tampa.

During assignment to REDCOM and following his retirement, he became very active in AUSA serving as a Chapter Officer, Third Region Secretary, Treasurer, Florida State President, Region Executive Vice President and in June 1996, achieving the Presidency of the Third Region.