

## COLONEL MICHAEL H. HARRIS

Colonel Michael H. Harris is a native Texan, born in Dallas on 15 January 1939. He resides with his wife and two children, a son and a daughter in Forney, Texas. His civilian occupation is Director of Engineering for Campbell Taggart, Inc., a Dallas based corporation and one of the Anheuser Busch Companies.

Colonel Harris began his military career on 22 February 1956 when he enlisted in Company C, 156th Tank Battalion, 112th Armor, 49th Armored Division. After four years enlisted service, attaining the rank of Sergeant, he entered the Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and graduated in August 1960. He was commissioned in December 1960 as a Second Lieutenant, Armor, and assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 112th Armor, as a tank platoon leader.

Colonel Harris served as a tank platoon leader with Company A, 1st Battalion, 112th Armor, during the unit's tour of Federal service, October 1961 through August 1962 (Berlin Crisis) at Fort Polk, Louisiana. After returning from active duty, he served as the Executive Officer of Company A, 1st Battalion, 112th Armor and was promoted to First Lieutenant in December 1963. In November 1964, he assumed command of Company A, 1st Battalion 112th Armor and was promoted to Captain in January 1966.

During Colonel Harris's time as a Captain, he served in the following positions and sequence in the 1st Battalion, 112th Armor: Commander Co A, Commander Co C, Bn CE Officer, Commander HHC, Bn S4, and Commander Co A.

Colonel Harris was promoted to Major on 25 January 1973 and served as the S3 until November 1976. He was then moved to the Battalion Executive Officer and served in that position until October 1979.

After 23 years and eight months with the 1st Battalion 112th Armor, Colonel Harris moved to the 3d Brigade, 49th Armored Division, as the Brigade S2. He served in this capacity until February 1980, when he moved to the Brigade S3 position and served in this capacity until October 1980.

Colonel Harris assumed command of the 4th Battalion 112th Armor, in October 1980 and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 13 February 1981. In November 1984, he was reassigned to the 49th Armored Division as the G2. Colonel Harris returned to the 3d Brigade, 49th Armored Division in November 1985 as the Brigade Executive Officer, a position he held until 1 January 1988 when he assumed command of the 3d Brigade, 49th Armored Division. Colonel Harris was promoted to Colonel on 21 April 1988, and commanded the 3d Brigade until, 9 September 1990. He is currently assigned to the Adjutant General's Department of Texas, Chief, Training Branch.

Colonel Harris's military education includes Artillery OCS, Armor Officer Basic Course, Associate Armor Officer Career Course, and has completed Command and General Staff College. His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Colonel Harris holds the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, with two oak leaf clusters, and various other Federal and State awards. He is a member of the Armor Association, the National Guard Association of the United States and the National Guard Association of Texas.