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Born in Augusta, Georgia, Colonel James A. (Tony) Henderson, enlisted in the United States Army following graduation from the University of Georgia in 1963. Trained as a Infantryman, he had a short tour in Viet Nam as a helicopter door gunner prior to attending Officer Candidate School in 1964. After commissioning in Field Artillery, he was assigned to the 5th Battalions, 32d Field Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas as a Launcher Section Leader. In August 1965 the Big Red One entered Viet Nam and he served as an artillery forward observer until August 1966. Subsequently he was assigned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, first as a unit training platoon leader and then as a basic training company commander. After completing the Artillery Officer Advance Course in February 1969, he again returned to Viet Nam where he served as commander C Battery, 1st Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, 23d Artillery Group. Following two years ROTC instructor duty at Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, he was assigned to the 2d Battalion, 73d Field Artillery, 3d Armored Division, Hanau, Germany, serving first as adjutant followed by two years as a battery commander. In 1974, he was assigned as a battalion operations officer (S3) and later as a battalion executive officer of the 1st Battalion, 16th Field Artillery, 2d Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas. Colonel Henderson graduated from the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in June 1978, where he concurrently earned a master's degree in Personnel Management from Central Michigan University. Subsequent assignments include two years as Chief of a Resource Management branch, Military District of Washington, Washington, DC, and a year as Field Artillery Advisor to the South Carolina Army National Guard. In November 1981, he returned to Fort Riley, Kansas where he commanded the 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery for two years followed by six months as the Division Artillery Executive Officer. On completion of the Air War College in June 1986, he was assigned as Committee Chief and Staff Leader, Combined Arms and Services Staff School (CAS<sup>3</sup>), Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, until 26 February 1987 when he assumed duties of his present position as Director, Nuclear and Chemical Directorate, Combined Arms Combat Developments Activity of the Combined Arms Center.

Awards and decorations which Colonel Henderson has received include the Silver Star, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart and the Meritorious Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters). He is also a recipient of the Air Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster) and the Army Commendation Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters).