

COL Billy W. Horn was born in Trenton, Missouri, on 8 August 1946. Drafted in 1966, he was commissioned in the Field Artillery in 1967 from the Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He received an Associate of Arts Degree in 1970 from Los Angeles Pierce College. He later participated in the degree completion program at Cameron University, Lawton, Oklahoma where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in history in 1975. In 1979, he received a Masters of Science Degree in Business Administration from Boston University. COL Horn is a 1982 graduate of the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and a 1990 graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D.C..

COL Horn's Army career is highlighted by service as a Forward Observer and Liaison Officer with the 1st Infantry Division and as Division Artillery Assistant S-3 with the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam. His command assignments include Commander, Bravo Battery, 3rd Battalion, 144th Field Artillery, 40th Infantry Division; Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 22nd Field Artillery; Alpha Battery, 2nd Battalion, 25th Field Artillery; Fox Battery, 29th Field Artillery and the 2nd Battalion, 78th Field Artillery/3rd Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, all in the 1st Armor Division in Europe. Additionally he served as Executive Officer of both the 6th Battalion 14th Field Artillery and the 1st Armored Division Artillery. Staff assignments include FORSCOM Headquarters, Atlanta, Georgia as an Installation and Force Modernization Budget Analyst; Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operation and Plans, Headquarters, Department of the Army and Military Aide to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management. COL Horn is currently the Director, Planning and Operations Control, Strategic Defense Initiative Organization, Washington, D. C.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with "V" device and three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf Clusters, the Good Conduct Medal, the Parachutist's, Army Staff and Department of Defense Staff Badges, as well as other United States and foreign service and campaign decorations.