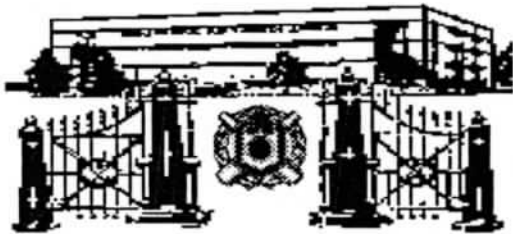


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Biographical sketch of: COLONEL GERARD G. JAMES

Colonel Gerard G. James assumed his current position as the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center, Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey, on 28 August 1992.

Prior to his present assignment, he had been the Commander/Director of the Fire Support Armaments Center at Picatinny Arsenal since August 1990.

COL James was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Field Artillery Branch upon graduation from the U.S. Army Field Artillery Officer Candidate School in 1967. His early assignments included Operations Officer and Company Command at the Army's Basic Combat Training Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, followed by Field Artillery Combat Operations and Battery Command, Republic of Vietnam.

He became involved in research and development in 1971 when assigned to the Combat Development Command, Field Artillery Agency, as a Project Officer on the TACFIRE Program. In 1975, COL James returned to the operational realm joining the 1st Battalion, 32d Field Artillery, a Lance Missile Battalion, Federal Republic of Germany. Subsequently, he performed duties as an Operational Test Officer with the U.S. Army Field Artillery Board and as a Foreign Weapon Systems Analyst in the Scientific and Technical Intelligence Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, at the Pentagon. He also held the office of Product Manager for the Howitzer Improvement Program at Picatinny Arsenal, during the system's Full Scale Development Phase.

COL James' civilian education includes a Bachelors Degree in Business from Cameron University and a Degree in Management from Webster College. He is a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, the Defense Systems Management College, and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. COL James is a Certified Acquisition Manager and a member of the newly created Army Acquisition Corps.

Decorations and awards include: the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters; Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Army Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; Vietnam Campaign Medal; and the Republic of Vietnam Commendation Medal.