

## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

### COL ALEX J. JOHNSON

Colonel Alex J. Johnson was born in Carlyle, Illinois on 4 June 1933. He graduated from Southern Illinois University (SIU) with a BS in Education in June, 1956, and having volunteered for the draft, entered the Army in July, 1956. He was commissioned as a 2LT, FA upon completion of Artillery Officer Candidate School in August, 1957, and was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division Artillery.

After a four year break in service during which he earned a MS in Education at SIU, and remained as a member of the SIU faculty, Colonel Johnson returned to active duty in 1964. His duty assignments between 1964 and 1981 included command of a target acquisition battery; staff positions in target acquisition battalions, I Field Force Artillery, the Target Acquisition and Combat Developments Departments of the Field Artillery School, and the Office of Deputy Chief of Staff, Research, Development and Acquisition; assignment as a District Senior Advisor, RVN; and Command of the 5th Training Battalion, Field Artillery Training Brigade, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Colonel Johnson's military school assignments included completion of the Associate Artillery Officers Advanced Course (1965), District Senior Advisors Course (1970), Command and General Staff College (1973), Project Managers Course at Defense Systems Management College (1977), and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (1981). He also received a MA in Management from Central Michigan University in 1976.

Since 1981, Colonel Johnson's assignments have included duty as a Weapons Systems Staff Officer, U. S. Army Development and Readiness Command; Deputy Program Director, Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System, U. S. Army Electronics Research and Developments Command, and Director, Programs and Operations/Deputy Program Manager Intelligence and Electronic Warfare for Operations, U. S. Army Electronics Research and Development Command. In October, 1985 he was named the Army Program Manager, Tactical Intelligence and Electronic Warfare, and in May, 1987 as the Program Executive Officer, Intelligence and Electronic Warfare.

Colonel Johnson was promoted to the grade of Colonel on 1 February 1982. His awards include the Bronze Star medal w/v Device and two Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal w/v Device and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.