

COLONEL MICHAEL M. JONES

Colonel Jones graduated from Fort Sill OCS in October 1967 and was assigned to the First Battalion, Second FA in Baumholder Germany until August 1970. During that time he was the Assistant Operations Officer, Executive Officer - "C" Battery, Commander - HHB, and Commander - "A" Battery. After the conclusion of these assignments he attended the JFK Special Warfare Center at Fort Bragg and was then assigned to the Republic of Vietnam in February 1971. During his year's service in Vietnam Colonel Jones held the posts of Assistant Senior District Advisor - Banmethout, District Senior Advisor - Phouc An, and Senior Artillery Advisor - II Corps. After his rotation home he attended the Field Artillery Officer's Advanced Course at Fort Sill and was then assigned to the First Battalion, Eighty Third FA at Baumholder.

After his active duty service Colonel Jones became a member of the United States Army Reserve and commenced his reserve duty with an assignment as the Communications Officer for the Seventh Battalion, Ninth FA at Fort Tilden, NY. From February 1974 until April 1981 he served in that post as well as becoming the Commander of HHB, the S3, and then the Battalion Executive Officer of the Fifth Battalion, Fifth FA which followed the transfer of the Seventh's flag. Colonel Jones then accepted a position as the Plans/Training Officer for the 1174th Transportation Terminal Unit and in June 1982 was

designated as the Commander, Fifth Battalion, Fifth FA. He served in that capacity until October 1985 and has since been the Chief, Training Evaluation - 77th USARCOM and the Director Security, Plans and Operations, 301st Area Support Group.

During his career Colonel Jones has received numerous commendations for meritorious service to include the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. He has also earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Colonel Jones, throughout his career, has epitomized the Field Artilleryman and has had a major impact on the Fifth Battalion, Fifth Field Artillery. He has provided a role model for the young officers within the Battalion and has raised the level of their technical and leadership skills. He has earned the award of the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara which is herein requested.