

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH FOR THE FIELD ARTILLERY OCS HALL OF FAME**

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| Name: (Last Name, First)<br>Nelson, Gary, W. | OCS Class & Year:<br>22-A, 1967 | Rank:<br>COL | Retirement Date:<br>30 June 1997 | DOB:<br>12 Sep 1943 | Date:<br>1 Feb 05 |
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| Date of Rank |           |           |           |          |          | Awards and Decorations            |  |                                     |  |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
|              | 2LT       | 1LT       | CPT       | MAJ      | LTC      | Defense Distinguish Service Metal | Defense Superior Service Medal (2 <sup>nd</sup> Award) | Bronze Star (2 <sup>nd</sup> Award) | Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 <sup>rd</sup> Award) |
| DOR          | 12 Jun 67 | 13 Jun 68 | 13 Jun 69 | 1 Aug 76 | 1 Apr 83 | Army Commendation Medal           | Army Achievement Medal                                 | Joint Meritorious Unit Award        | National Defense Service Medal   |
|              | COL       | BG        | MG        | LTG      | GEN      |                                   |  |                                     |  |
|              | 4 Jan 89  |           |           |          |          |                                   |  |                                     |  |

| Assignment History |         |   |                     |                                   |
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| From               | To      | Organization                                  | Station             | Duty Title                        |
| June 67            | June 69 | HHB Officer Candidate Bde USAAMS              | Ft. Sill, OK        | Officer Candidate, Platoon Leader |
| July 69            | July 70 | 8 <sup>th</sup> BN, 4 <sup>th</sup> Artillery | Vietnam             | LNO, S-2, BC, Asst S-3            |
| Sep 70             | Jun 71  | FA OAC  | Ft. Sill, OK        | Student                           |
| July 71            | Aug 73  | USAIS   | Ft. Benning, GA     | Instructor                        |
| Sep 73             | Feb 75  | Army Attache                                  | Israel              | Attache                           |
| Apr 75             | July 76 | Area Commander, Recruiting Command            | Phoenix, AZ         | Area Commander                    |
| Aug 76             | Jun 77  | Command and General Staff College             | Ft. Leavenworth, KS | Student                           |
| July 77            | Jan 78  | Defense Language Institute                    | Presidio, CA        | Student                           |
| Apr 78             | May 79  | Army Attache                                  | Saudi Arabia        | Attache                           |

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| Jun 79  | Jan 83 | Field Artillery Training Center | Ft. Sill, OK      | Battery Commander, BN XO |
| Jan 83  | Jun 85 | 24 <sup>th</sup> ID DIVARTY     | Ft. Stewart, GA   | Battalion Commander      |
| July 85 | Apr 86 | EUCOM                           | Europe            | Plans Officer            |
| May 86  | Jun 87 | US Army War College             | Carlisle Barracks | Student                  |
| Nov 87  | Mar 90 | Army Attache                    | Iraq              | Attache                  |
| Jul 90  | Mar 93 | Joint Staff                     | Pentagon          | Chief, Persian Gulf Desk |
| Apr 93  | Jan 95 | Defense Attache                 | Saudi Arabia      | Attache                  |
| Feb 95  | Jun 97 | Defense Attache                 | Washington, DC    | Attache                  |
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