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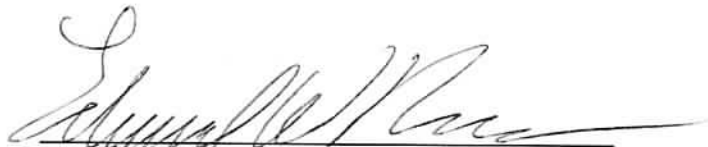
Duty Assignments:

- 1966-1967: Artillery forward/air observer, 9th Inf Div, Vietnam. Flew more than 300 combat/combat support missions in O-1 and H-23 aircraft.
- 1968: Branch transfer from Field Artillery to Military Intelligence
- 1970-1971: Commander, Detachment B (humint intelligence collection), 525th Military Intelligence Group, Vietnam.
- 1973-1975: Chief, Counterespionage and Counterintelligence, HQ, 500th Mil Intel Group, Hawaii.
- 1976-1978: U.S. Army Foreign Area officer, American Embassy School of Chinese language and Area Studies, Taichung, Taiwan.
- 1979-1983: Senior political-military analyst, Directorate for Estimates, Defense Intelligence Agency
- 1983-1984: Assistant Army Attaché to the People's Republic of China (Ret. from US Army Aug 84)
- 1984-1992: Senior Country Director for China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Mongolia, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs.
- 1992-1993: Director, Office of POW/MIA Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs (Appointed to Senior Executive Service, Jun 1992)
- 1993-1994: Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/MIA Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs
- 1994: Director, Security Assistance Operations, Defense Security Assistance Agency

Awards and Decorations:

- Military Awards:** Silver Star, Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star, Air Medal with "V" Device with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal, and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.
- Civilian Awards:** Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service (Two Awards)

General Remarks: Official biography attached



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Mr. Ross was appointed Director, Security Assistance Operations, Defense Security Assistance Agency on June 1, 1994. From January 1993 to May 1994, Mr. Ross served concurrently as Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/MIA Affairs and Acting Director, Defense POW/MIA Office (DPMO). From June 1992 to January 1993 he served as Director, Office of POW/MIA Affairs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs. Mr. Ross was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service in June 1992 and June 1994.



From January 1984 to May 1992, Mr. Ross served as Senior Country Director for China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Mongolia, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs. In this capacity, he published numerous articles concerning U.S.-China military relations and was a recognized authority on Chinese affairs.

As the Assistant U.S. Army Attache to the People's Republic of China from 1983 to 1984, Mr. Ross played a key role in the opening of the U.S.-China military relationship. Mr. Ross retired from the U.S. Army after twenty years service on August 20, 1984. His military awards include: the Silver Star, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal with "V" Device with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

Mr. Ross's other military assignments include service as a senior political-military analyst in the Directorate for Estimates, Defense Intelligence Agency from 1979 to 1983, where he drafted and coordinated Defense and National Intelligence Estimates on China, the Soviet Union, and Taiwan. He became a U.S. Army Foreign Area Officer after two years intense Chinese language and area studies in Taiwan from 1976 to 1978. As a Military Intelligence Officer, from 1973 to 1975 he served as the Chief, Counterespionage-Counterintelligence, Headquarters, 500th Military Intelligence Group, Hawaii, with responsibility for operations in the Pacific theater. From 1970 to 1971, he commanded an intelligence collection detachment of the 525th Military Intelligence Group in Vietnam. Commissioned a second lieutenant in the Artillery on June 14, 1966, from 1966 to 1967, he served as an artillery forward and air observer with the 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam, flying more than 300 combat and combat support missions in O-1 and H-23 aircraft.

Mr. Ross received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Quincy College, Quincy, Illinois, in 1973. He received his Master of Arts Degree in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, in 1979. Mr. Ross is a graduate of the Defense Language Institute, Washington, D.C., the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and the American Embassy School for Chinese Language and Area Studies, Taichung, Taiwan. Mr. Ross has completed extensive postgraduate work toward a Ph.D. in Political Science, specializing in international relations and United States domestic politics, at The George Washington University, Washington, D.C. He has travelled extensively through-out Asia and is both fluent and literate in Chinese.

Mr. Ross lives in Great Falls, Virginia with his wife, the former Patricia Enoch, his son Ryan and his daughter Robyn. (September 1996)