

COL Martin H. Walker ARNG (Marty)

Colonel Walker is the Team Chief for the Military Liaison Team (MLT) in the Republic of Lithuania for the Joint Contact Team Program (JCTP) of the United States European Command. As such he assists in the U.S. peacetime activities with the Lithuanian armed forces. He also assists in the planning, developing, scheduling, coordinating, and executing of military-to-military contacts with the armed forces of Lithuania in support of the JCTP.

COL Walker enlisted in 1971 and upon graduation from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School served in the Field Artillery School Brigade at Fort Sill Oklahoma. Upon separation from the Army, in 1974, COL Walker joined the Arkansas National Guard while attending graduate school at Arkansas State University. He transferred to the PA Army National Guard (PAARNG) in 1976 while doing post-masters work at Penn State University. In the PAARNG he was first assigned as a forward observer in B Battery 1-108th Field Artillery and spent the next nine years serving in various positions in the battalion. He commanded both Headquarters Battery and B Battery and in 1982 became the full-time battalion training officer. In 1985 COL Walker became the Division Artillery Logistics Officer and in 1993 was selected to serve as the logistics officer, G4, of the 28th Infantry Division. COL Walker returned to the Division Artillery Headquarters in January 1997 as the DivArty Executive Officer. He commanded the 1st Battalion 108th Field Artillery for three years (1997-2000) until he was assigned to the State Headquarters in preparation for his current assignment.

COL Walker earned a bachelors Degree in Science Education from the University of Missouri in 1971, and a Masters in Biology from Arkansas State University in 1976. COL Walker is a graduate of the combined Arms and Service Staff School (1985), the Command and General Staff College (1990) and the United States Army War College (1999).

Military awards and decorations received by COL Walker are numerous. Some of his most significant include the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, (OLC) the Army commendation Medal with OLC, Army Achievement Medal with 2 OLCs, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Hourglass Device, Army Service Ribbon, and the Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon.

COL Walker and his wife Deborah have two daughters; Lisa works as an ergonomic engineer for the Boeing Corporation in Seattle, WA and Jessica is pursuing her doctorate in Counseling at Lehigh University. The Walkers reside in Newport PA.

Colonel Walker became the United States –Lithuanian Military Liaison Team Chief in January 2001. His assignment ends in January 2002.