

COLONEL WILLIAM D. WALLER

Colonel William D. Waller, a native of Huntington, West Virginia, began his military career in 1959 as an enlisted soldier in the Field Artillery. He was trained in Flash Ranging and Artillery Survey at Fort Sill and served with Mortar Battery, 187th Abn Battle Group, and HHB, 2-319th at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. In 1966, he graduated from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill and was commissioned a second lieutenant. His initial assignment as an officer was forward observer with the 82d FA, 196th Inf Bde, Fort Devens, Massachusetts. He deployed with the brigade to Vietnam and served as a forward observer and target acquisition platoon leader.

Returning to the United States in 1967, COL Waller was assigned to HHB, XVIII Abn Corps Artillery at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and served as assistant S3 and S1. Following his tour at Fort Bragg, COL Waller attended Artillery Advanced Course and Helicopter Flight School. Subsequently he was assigned to the 2d Aviation Bn, 2d Inf Division in the Republic of South Korea.

In 1974, after completion of his tour in Korea and 2 years of civilian education, COL Waller was assigned to the 59th Ordnance Group (SASCOM), in the Federal Republic of Germany. During his 4 years in Germany, he served as Executive Officer of the 85th Missile Detachment (PERSHING), Commander of the 83d Missile Detachment (SERGEANT), and Executive Officer of the 557th FA Artillery Group.

COL Waller returned from Germany in 1977 and attended the Air Force Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama and then spent 3 years as the Assistant PMS at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. In 1981, he was assigned to the Pentagon with the Department of the Army Inspector General Agency, Investigations Division. Two years later, he was assigned to the Department of the Army, Office of Legislative Liaison, where he served as a Congressional Coordinator. In January 1985, COL Waller assumed command of the 6th Training Battalion, U.S. Army Field Artillery Training Center, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Following battalion command, from March 1987 until March 1988, he served as Acting Director and Deputy Director of Plans, Training, and Mobilization at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. On 28 March 1988, he was assigned to his current duty position as Deputy Garrison Commander, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

COL Waller's decorations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star with V Device with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal with 2d Award, Master Parachutist and Army Aviation Badge, and the Army General Staff Identification Badge.

COL Waller holds a bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Campbell University in North Carolina, and a Master of Science Degree in Personnel Management from Troy State University in Alabama. He and his wife, Dee, formerly of Huntington, West Virginia, have three children; Shawn, Tod, and Michelle.