

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

COLONEL DONALD H. WATT, JR.

COL Donald H. Watt, Jr., is a native of Massachusetts. He was commissioned through Officer Candidate School in April 1969. His civilian education consists of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management from Southern Illinois University in 1968 and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Troy State University in 1989. COL Watt's military education includes graduation from the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic Course, 1969; Air Defense Officer Advanced Course, 1973; Air Command Staff College, 1981; the Defense Systems Management College, 1984; and Air War College, 1989.

His assignments include: Duty as Fire Control Platoon Leader and Battery Executive Officer with the 6th Battalion (HAWK), 44th Air Defense Artillery, Korea; followed by an assignment as Improved HAWK Test Officer at the Air Defense Artillery Board, Fort Bliss, Texas. During a 4-year tour with the 3d Battalion, 59th ADA, HAWK, Federal Republic of Germany, he served as a Battery Commander, Missile Maintenance Officer, Assistant Operations Officer, and Battalion Intelligence Officer. After 3 years as a Research and Development coordinator with the High Energy Laser Project Office and Advanced Systems Concepts Office at the U.S. Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, COL Watt returned to Fort Bliss, Texas, where he served as a Guided Missile Systems Officer for the Directorate of Combat Developments, followed by duty as Operations Officer and Executive Officer with the 1st Battalion (HAWK), 7th ADA. He then served at the Pentagon as a Department of the Army Systems Coordinator for the HAWK Missile System in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development, and Acquisition. Following his Pentagon tour, COL Watt commanded the 3d Battalion, 6th Air Defense Artillery at Fort Bliss, Texas, followed by his assignment as Assistant Program Executive Officer, Air Defense, at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. His next assignment was Project Manager, STINGER Missile System, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. He is currently serving dual assignments as Chief, Advanced Systems Concepts Office, and Deputy Director, Research, Development, and Engineering Center, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

COL Watt's awards include: The Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC); Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC); the Army National Defense Service Medal, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. He and his wife, Derene (Dee), have one daughter, Jamie.