



COLONEL JAMES N. WILKERSON

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Colonel Wilkerson's initial assignment after Officer Candidate School was with Battery A, 4th Battalion, 133rd Field Artillery, Texas Army National Guard where he served as Executive Officer and later the Battery Commander. After earning his Law Degree, he returned to active duty and attended the JAG Basic Course. At Fort Carson Colorado he served in the 5th Mechanized Division SJA's office as legal advisor to the Division Artillery. In Vietnam he was the Staff Judge Advocate and prosecutor for the 164th Combat Aviation Group.

Subsequent assignments included being an Instructor at the US Army Armor School Leadership and Education Department at Fort Knox, Kentucky and Assistant Professor of Law at the US Military Academy Law Department Faculty. He later served as a Trial Judge, Magistrate, and Claims Officer at Fort Richardson, Alaska before returning to the US Army Judiciary at Fort Hood as a Circuit Trial Judge and Magistrate.

After leaving active duty he continued with legal duties at Fort Hood and Fort Carson until volunteering to go back on active duty during Desert Storm. His career culminated as an Appellate Judge with the Army Legal Services Agency at Falls Church, Virginia.

Colonel Wilkerson's decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal and the Army Commendation Medal (with two Oak-Leaf Clusters).