



## COLONEL ARTHUR P. CROWDER

US Army, Retired

**NDR Hall of Fame Induction: 2 May 2009**

Colonel Crowder was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Black Knights Drill Team at Northwestern State University. He received his US Army Reserve commission as an infantry officer in 1980 and graduated from Northwestern in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology. His military education includes Command and General Staff College, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, and the Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Washington, DC.

His initial assignments were Mortar and Rifle Platoon Leader in the 3-6<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Berlin Brigade), West Berlin, Germany; Executive Officer / MP OIC of the Helmstedt Support Detachment; Training Company Executive Officer, Battalion Supply Officer, Training Company Commander, and Battalion Operations Officer for the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 95<sup>th</sup> Division (Training). He then served with the 75<sup>th</sup> Division (Exercise) as an Observer Controller/Trainer, Houston, TX, and as the Mobilization Integrator Trainer for the 5035<sup>th</sup> Garrison Support Unit prior to being mobilized after the 11 September 2001 attacks.

During Operation Noble Eagle, Colonel Crowder was the Mobilization Training Integrator and later served as the Chief, Training Branch, Installation DPTMS, Fort Bliss, TX. In Operation Iraqi Freedom, Camp Victory, Baghdad, Iraq, he served as the Chief of Operations for the Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) -7 Information Operations Cell and later as the Deputy Chief Information Operations for Multi-National Corps-Iraq. During Operation Enduring Freedom, he served as the Deputy Information Operations Chief for CJTF-Horn of Africa (HOA) at Camp Lemonier in Djibouti City, Djibouti, and then as the Country Coordination Element OIC from CJTF-HOA to the US Embassy in Sana'a, Yemen. He next served as the US Army Central G3 Chief of Operations at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Colonel Crowder commanded Task Force Anzio, the National Command Element for US forces located in Regional Command South at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, 2007-2008.

Colonel Crowder's awards and decorations include two Bronze Star Medals, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, five Army Commendation Medals, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, two Army Achievement Medals, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. He holds two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, an Army Superior Unit Award, the Expert Infantryman Badge, Airborne Badge, and the Pathfinder Badge.

Colonel Crowder is married to the former Paula Murphy of Arcadia, LA. They have a daughter and a son.