



COLONEL WILLIAM P. GATES US Army, Retired

NDR Hall of Fame Induction: 16 March 2013

Colonel William (Bill) P. Gates was commissioned in December 1974 after earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Northwestern State University.

His Reserve service began with the 4013th US Army Reserve Garrison, Bossier City, LA, where he served as Finance Dispersing Officer, Finance Personnel Services Officer, Administrative Officer, Motor Officer (branch transferred to Transportation Corps), Plans and Operations Officer, and Transportation Officer, 1975-1990.

He then served with the 1192nd Terminal Transportation Unit, New Orleans, LA as a Vessel Operations Chief. During this time, he was mobilized to the Port of Beaumont, Houston, TX, for Operation Desert Storm.

Colonel Gates then transferred to the 1st Battalion, 377th Regiment, 95th Division (IT), Alexandria, LA, where he served as the Operations Officer until he assumed the duties of Deputy Director and Director of the Port Support Activities located at Fort Polk, under the 4013th USARG. In 1997, he assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 378th Regiment, 95th Division (IT), Lafayette, LA. After, he served as the Deputy Commander of the 1190th Terminal Transportation Unit, Baton Rouge, LA.

Colonel Gates was as the Deputy Commander of the 336th Finance Command, Lake Charles, LA, serving as rear Commander prior to being deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as the Forward Commander. Upon demobilization, he continued his service as the Deputy Commander until his retirement in 2005.

Colonel Gates' awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Colonel Gates is married to the former Connie Marie Bower of Shreveport, LA. They have one son, Raymond, and a daughter, Martha. They have two grandchildren, Bryce Gates and Tinsley McMillan.