



COLONEL DONALD E. JACKSON US Army, Retired

NDR Hall of Fame Induction: 2 May 2009

Colonel Jackson commissioned as an Infantry officer following graduation from Northwestern State University in 1981. He also holds a Master's Degree in Education from the University of South Carolina. He has completed the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses; Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Officers Course; Regional Studies Course; Civil Affairs Course (Honor Graduate), Fort Bragg, NC, and US Army Command and General Staff College.

His commands include D Company, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade, 5th Infantry Division, Fort Polk, LA; Company and Battalion Tactical Officer, US Military Academy at West Point, NY; Commander, Korean Service Corps Battalion, 8th US Army, Korea; and Commander, 2nd Battalion, 393rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Fort Chaffee, AR.

His staff assignments include Executive Officer, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment; Assistant S4, 2nd Brigade, 8th Infantry Division, Mannheim, Germany; and at Fort Hood, TX: Operations Officer, 1st Cavalry Division; Operations Officer, 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade; Executive Officer, 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division; Civil Affairs Officer, 4th Infantry Division, with deployments to Iraq where he was responsible for Civil Military Operations in North-Central Iraq and the Kurdish Region; and Deputy Civil Affairs Officer, 3rd Armored Corps with deployments to Fallujah in support of the Second Marine Expeditionary Force. He served as Director, J-CIM Joint Test, and on the faculty of the US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA, as Director of Civil Affairs and Civil Military Integration.

His awards and decorations include two Bronze Star Medals, one with Valor device for his heroic actions in April 2004 during the Muqtada Al-Sadar and Al Mahdi Army uprising in the holy city of An Najaf, Iraq. Additional decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (9th award); the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; the Army Achievement Medal; the National Defense Medal (with two Bronze Stars); the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; the Iraq Campaign Medal; the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; the Korea Defense Service Medal; the Army Service Ribbon; the Overseas Service Ribbon (second award); the Joint Meritorious Unit Award; the Combat Action Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Ranger Tab, and Airborne Wings.

Colonel Jackson is married to the former Angela James of Shreveport, LA. They have two sons, Donald Jr. and Timothy.