



COLONEL GARY A. JONES

US Army, Retired

NDR Hall of Fame Induction: 27 October 2007

Colonel Jones retired as a Colonel of Infantry with over 27 years in command, training, personnel management, and operational experience. He was responsible for developing, coordinating, and promulgating infantry personnel policy as well as operational and combined arms training programs.

Colonel Jones' command assignments include Garrison Commander, US Army Infantry Center, a battalion task force in the 5th Infantry Division, light infantry companies in Vietnam and South Korea's Demilitarized Zone, and headquarters and headquarters companies at Fort Bliss, TX, and Berlin, Germany. He also served as Chief, Training Division, Directorate of Training and Doctrine at the US Army Infantry School, Current Operations Officer of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Executive Officer for an Armor Heavy Brigade and a Tank Battalion in the 5th Infantry Division, and staff officer for the 5th US Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Training.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Geography from Northwestern State College and earned a commission as a Second Lieutenant through NSU's ROTC program. He attained a Master of Arts in Management from Webster College, Missouri. Colonel Jones' military education includes the Infantry Officers Basic and Advanced Courses, Airborne, Pathfinder, and Ranger Schools, the Army Personnel Management for Executives Course, the Command and General Staff College, and the US Army War College.

Colonel Jones awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit (second award), Bronze Star Medal (second award, one with V device), Air Medal (third award), Army Commendation Medal (fifth award, one with V device), the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star for Valor, Army Achievement Medal (second award and ten service), and other expeditionary, professional development, and service awards and ribbons. He has also earned the Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger Tab, and the Department of the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Colonel Jones is married to the former Le-Lone James of Louisiana.