



## COLONEL NOEL T. NICOLLE

US Army, Retired

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

Colonel Nicolle holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Northwestern State University and a Master of History from Louisiana State University. He commissioned in 1984 and entered active duty in 1986 following an educational delay to attend graduate school.

Colonel Nicolle's service began with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 20<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, Hanau, Germany. Positions held include Battalion Ammunition Officer, Firing Platoon Leader, Battery Executive Officer, and Battalion Motor Officer. During Operation Desert Storm, he served as the Squadron Fire Support Officer for 4<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 7<sup>th</sup> US Cavalry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division. Following Operation Desert Storm, he commanded B Battery, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment (MLRS). He was then assigned to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA, where he served as a Firing Battery Combat Trainer and Battalion Task Force Fire Support Trainer.

After serving as a Small Group Instructor at the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, OK, Colonel Nicolle attended Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS. He was assigned to 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Benning, GA, where he served as the Operations Officer for 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery and 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Fire Support Officer. Follow-on assignments in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division include Division Artillery Operations Officer during Operation Iraqi Freedom and 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division Deputy Fire Support Coordinator. He then served as the Rear Detachment Commander until he assumed command of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 41<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery in 2006.

During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Colonel Nicolle and his battalion served in Al Anbar Province with the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division. The Battalion provided lethal and non-lethal fires for coalition forces across Central Anbar. He also served as the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade's Iraqi Police Coordinator/Advisor where the battalion trained over 9,000 Iraqi police in the Ar Ramadi area.

Colonel Nicolle is currently a resident student at the US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Colonel Nicolle is married to the former Tamara Mincks of West Des Moines, IA. They have two sons, Robert Nicolle III and James.