



COLONEL WALTER R. WEAVER

US Army, Retired

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Colonel Weaver is a native of Coushatta, LA. He graduated from Northwestern State University in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science in General Agriculture and commissioned as an Infantry officer. In 1997, he earned a Master of Arts in Education, Adult and Continuing Education.

His initial assignment was Commander, D-1-1, 1st Basic Training Brigade, Fort Gordon, GA. He then served as the Brigade Supply Officer before returning to Coushatta in 1966 as a First Lieutenant. He joined the Louisiana Army National Guard, 156th Infantry, Fort Humbug, Shreveport, LA, where he served as a Platoon Leader and Executive Officer for Company B. In 1967, he commanded C Company in Many, LA, with a detachment in Vivian, LA. He then attended the Infantry Officers Advanced Course, Fort Benning, GA, prior to his full-time LAARNG assignment to the 527th Engineer Battalion, Bossier City, LA, as an Operations Officer and Executive Officer. After serving in various staff assignments, including Executive Officer, 225th Engineer Group, he commanded 1st Battalion, 156th Armor, 256th Infantry Brigade, and then the 527th Engineer Battalion.

Colonel Weaver transferred in 1986 to the LANG state staff and remained there in various positions, while working as the State Maintenance Officer until his retirement on 1 July 1994. He then worked with the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Logistics as the Maintenance Representative.

Working with Camber Corporation, he trained Congolese brigade staff officers in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. As part of the training, they participated in a Command Post Exercise with Pacific Command.

Colonel Weaver's awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal w/ Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one Bronze Hourglass Device, Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Retention Ribbon, Sharpshooter .45 Pistol Badge, LA Minuteman Award, LA Commendation Medal, LA Longevity Service Ribbon with four *Fleur de Lis*, LA Emergency Service Ribbon, and the LA Retention Ribbon.

Colonel Weaver is married to the former Audrey Jo Gibson of Coushatta, LA. They have five children, Tammy, Terrie, Wally, Richard, and Sandee, and an "adopted" daughter, Patti. They have nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.