



COL RONALD R. WILKINS

US Army, Retired

NDR Hall of Fame Induction: 15 April 2023

COL Wilkins commissioned in 1989 in the Army Transportation Corps upon his graduation from Northwestern State University with a degree in Business Administration. He served in the Louisiana Army National Guard as well as the Texas Army National Guard prior to serving in the Active Guard Reserve program.

In 2006, he earned a graduate degree with a Master of Business Administration, *magna cum laude*, from Touro University International. COL Wilkins' military education includes the Transportation Advanced Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, Defense Strategy Course, and the Joint Warfare College.

COL Wilkins' initial assignment was serving as a Platoon Leader with the 1087th Transportation Company and deployed with this unit in support of Operation Desert Storm. Following company command, he joined the Texas Army National Guard where he culminated with the position of Division Transportation Officer for the 36th Infantry Division.

In 2004, he transitioned to the Active Guard Reserve (AGR) program where he served with the Army National Guard Bureau as a Program Manager in the Operations Directorate. Other AGR assignments include Program Manager for Weapons of Mass Destruction, HQDA G4; Branch Chief, G3 Mobilizations; and Deputy Director of Mobilization in the Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Mobilization and Readiness. In 2011, he deployed as the Senior Army Guard Advisor for US Forces Afghanistan. Following other assignments, he deployed to Afghanistan in 2018 to serve as the Chief of Staff for the Minister of Interior. COL Wilkins concluded his Army career in 2021 as the Chief of Sustainment (G4), III Corps Headquarters, Fort Hood, TX.

COL Wilkins' award and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and others. He also wears the Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and the Army Superior Unit Award.

During his years at NSU, COL Wilkins was a top track and field athlete. He was an integral part of the NSU 1985 and 1987 Track and Field Gulf Star and Southland Conference Championship Team. COL Wilkins is a Master Certified USA Track and Field Official and has more than 35,000 community service hours for youth and collegiate track and field events.