

CSM (Retired) ROY J. AMERSON

UNITED STATES ARMY

CSM (Ret) Roy J. Amerson entered the Army on 12 February 1970 as a Private E-1 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He attended AIT at Fort Rucker, Alabama in April of 1970.

His first duty assignment was as an observer and crew chief (scout platoon) with A Troop 3-17th Air Cavalry, 1st Aviation Brigade, Republic of Vietnam, reaching the rank of Specialist. Upon departure from Vietnam, he was assigned to Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia where he ETS's in December of 1971.

While a civilian, CSM (Ret) Amerson ran his family farm, went back to school and entered hotel/motel management. In May of 1974, he went back into the Army at Fort Bliss, Texas as a Radar Crewman. Upon completion of AIT was promoted to Specialist and assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Range Command McGregor Range, New Mexico. He was promoted to Specialist 5 and reassigned to Headquarters Battery 1-2nd ADA, Korea as a radar crewman, and then reassigned to the Headquarters Battery 1-44th ADA.

CSM (Ret) Amerson was promoted to SSG and was then assigned to A Battery 4-61st ADA at Fort Carson, Colorado then transitioned to become a Vulcan Platoon Sergeant. In 1977, he had a primary MOS of Radar Section Chief and a secondary MOS of Vulcan Platoon Sergeant. He then transitioned to 16H and went through Forward Alerting Area Radar (FAAR) training becoming the Platoon Sergeant for the FAAR Platoon.

He was reassigned to Headquarters 2-60th ADA at Ramstein Germany, promoted to SFC and reassigned to 94th ADA Group as the NCOIC of the Basic Leadership Course (BLC). After the BLC assignment, he was assigned back to 2-60th ADA as the HQ Acting 1SG, until his reassignment to HQ Range Command at McGregor Range as Operations Sergeant, prior to again being moved to the position of 1SG.

He was then assigned to 2-61st ADA in Korea as the HQ 1SG, with TDY in route to 1SG Course at Fort Bliss, Texas. CSM (Ret) Amerson was then assigned to A Company 2-1st Training Brigade Fort Bliss, Texas as 1SG until that unit was deactivated and he then became the 1SG for A Battery 56th ADA. He was assigned to Class 31 of the Sergeants Major Academy. Upon graduation, was assigned to H!, 2-44th ADA, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, as the Bn CSM. He deployed with the Battalion to Operation Desert Shield, participated in Desert Storm and returned with 2-44th ADA until retirement in July of 1992.

CSM (Ret) Amerson graduated from Murray State University in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Technical Management. He then accepted employment as Executive Director of the Housing Authority in Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

CSM (Ret) Amerson is married to Pansy Amerson and has two children, Carrie and Ryan and two grandchildren Landon and Reese.