

## **COL (Retired) Wallace B. Hobson Jr.**

### **UNITED STATES ARMY**

Colonel Hobson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Arkansas State University at Jonesboro, Arkansas, in 1975 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Air Defense Artillery. His military education includes completion of the Air Defense Artillery Basic and Advanced Courses, the US Army Command and General Staff College Course, and the US Air War College. He has also completed the prerequisites for the Joint Program of Military Education. He has a Master's Degree in Military Arts and Sciences from the US Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL.

Colonel Hobson has served in a variety of divisional and non-divisional Air Defense Artillery assignments with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light), the 32d Army Air Defense Command, and the 11<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Artillery Brigade. In addition to serving as platoon leader and executive officer of a HAWK Battery, COL Hobson's assignments have included serving as the S3 and XO of a Vulcan-Stinger Battalion. He spent 24 months in Bamberg, Germany commanding a Triad HAWK Battery in the 3D Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Artillery. From 1993-1995, COL Hobson commanded the 3d Battalion, (PATRIOT), 43d Air Defense Artillery, and then served as the Deputy Brigade Commander for the 11<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Other assignments include Company Commander and Battalion S-3 for the Kansas City Recruiting Battalion; as the Ground Operations Staff Officer in the Current Operations Directorate, US Pacific Command; as the Lieutenant Colonel's assignment officer, US Personnel Command; as the Executive Officer for the Director, Officer Personnel Management Directorate, US Personnel Command; and as the G-3 and Chief of Staff of the 32d Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC). COL Hobson's most recent assignment was as the Garrison Commander of Fort Bliss, Texas from 12 Jun 1998 through 18 April 2001. COL Hobson became Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss, Fort Bliss, Texas on 15 May 2001 and retired from Active Duty 1 Nov 2003.

Colonel Hobson's awards include: Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (5 Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Army Achievement Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters).

Colonel Hobson was born 15 January 1952, in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and is married to the former Kathy Ann Walker of Crystal Springs, Mississippi. They have 2 children: Kimberly, 20 years old, and Benjamin, 18 years old.