

COL (Retired) RONALD F. STUART

UNITED STATES ARMY

Colonel (Ret) Stuart was born in Hope, Arkansas on February 21, 1948. In 1966 he graduated from H.C. Yerger High school in Hope. He is a 1971 Distinguished Military Graduate of Lincoln University in Missouri where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. Upon graduation he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Defense Artillery Branch (ADA) of the Army.

After attending the ADA Officer's Basic and Nike Hercules courses at Fort Bliss , Texas, he was ordered to the 45th ADA Brigade at Arlington Heights, IL as a battery executive officer.

He was ordered to Germany in July 1972 and served with HAWK missile battalions in Grafenwoehr, Regensburg, and Schweinfurt. There he served as a platoon leader and battery commander. His battery scored 3 of 4 missile firings at Crete, Greece.

Returning to the United States in January 1977, COL (Ret) Stuart attended the ADA Advanced Course. Following graduation, he was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 55th ADA at Fort Bliss, Texas as Assistant Operations Officer and then assumed command of his second HAWK battery until April 1979.

He attended Indiana University from May 1979 — May 1980, where he earned a Master's of Science degree and graduated with distinction. He then attended the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia. His follow-on assignment was as an Assistant Professor at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, from January 1981 until November 1983.

The Army then saw the need to select him for a key assignment in Africa. COL (Ret) Stuart was assigned as Chief, Technical Assistance Field Team Zaria, Nigeria, Africa, from November 1983 until August 1984. There he served well as the primary advisor to the Commanding General of the Nigerian Armed Forces. He returned to the School Brigade at Fort Bliss, Texas in August 1984 and held subsequent jobs as Brigade Operations Officer and Brigade Executive Officer until May 1988.

From May 1988 until June 1990 he was assigned as Battalion Commander of 1st Battalion, 7th ADA (Patriot) in Kaiserslautern, Federal Republic of Germany. After command he was assigned to the NATO Allied Air Forces, Central Europe Tactical Evaluation Team, as a Team Chief/Staff Officer for the HAWK and Patriot Air Defense Systems from June 1990 to June 1992.

COL (Ret) Stuart returned to the United States as the Commander of the Second Brigade, U.S. Army Second ROTC Region, Fort Sheridan, Illinois, with responsibilities for the states of Wisconsin, Michigan, and Northern Illinois. In October 1994 he was inducted into the Lincoln University (Missouri) ROTC Hall of

Fame.

He retired from the U.S. Army on 1 April 1995 with 24 years, 3 months of Active Federal Service.

COL (Ret) Stuart is currently a Registered Principal and District Agent for the company First Command Financial Planning, Inc., (formally USPA & IRA) in El Paso, Texas. His business recommends investments (mutual funds) and insurance plans for military families.

He is married to the former Bernice Freeman (Lincoln University, Missouri, B. S.1971), and M. S. 1992 from National Louis University. They are the parents of one son, Ronald, Jr. (Toby) and a grandson, Ronald III (Stuey).