

Colonel Vincent J. Tedesco



Vincent J. Tedesco, Jr., was born in Jamaica, NY in 1943. He is a 1964 graduate of the Pennsylvania State University. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant of Artillery in the Regular Army upon graduation. He retired from the Army in 1991. During his 27 years of service he commanded the 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and the 6th Air Defense Artillery Brigade at Ft. Bliss, Texas. In Vietnam he commanded Battery C, 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery. He is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and the Naval War College. His military awards include the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit(2) the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal(4), Army

Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star. He is the Honorary Colonel of the 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment. Vinnie joined Lockheed Martin Corp. in 1992 as the Deputy Director for the THAAD missile defense program. In 1995, he joined the new Lockheed Martin Corporation's Washington Operations office as Director for Air and Missile Defense. In 1999, he was promoted to Senior Director and given responsibility for Washington business development of all Air and Missile Defense programs. While working with Lockheed Martin, he was been awarded the Washington Award 6 times, the Washington Community Service Award and in 2005 the highest award that can be given to a Lockheed Martin employee, the Nova Award. He has a master's degree in business administration from Bucknell University. In 1964, he married Suzann Andrews. They have three children (COL (R) Vincent J. Tedesco III, COL Matthew T. Tedesco, and Mrs. Kim Tedesco Riley) and six grandchildren.

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