



COLONEL (R) DAVID L. PATTON

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CLASS OF 1969

Colonel David L. Patton was born in Mansfield, Ohio. As an Army family member he grew up in a variety of locations around the world. He was commissioned in the United States Army in May 1969, as a Distinguished Military Graduate of the University of Kentucky. He entered active duty in January 1972, after graduating from the University of Kentucky College of Law.

Colonel Patton began his career in the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii where he served as an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate (Trial Counsel) on the Division staff and as Platoon Leader and Executive Officer of the 25th MP Company. After also commanding the 38th MP Detachment at Schofield Barracks, he was assigned to Fort McClellan, Alabama to teach tactics at the Military Police School. After commanding Company A of the MP School Battalion, he departed for a three-year tour as Assistant Professor of Military Science at the University of Florida in Gainesville. He next served in Frankfurt, Germany as the Executive Officer of the 709th MP Battalion and S-3 (Operations Officer) of the 18th MP Brigade. His next assignment was as Provost Marshal of Joint Task Force Bravo in Honduras. Returning to the United States he served as Terrorism Counteraction Officer on the US Army Forces Command staff at Fort McPherson, Georgia. During the 1988 Olympic Games he served as Chief of Security Division of the US Forces Korea staff in Seoul. Leaving Korea in 1989, he became Provost Marshal of the 82d Airborne Division. During his three years in that position he led MP elements in Operation JUST CAUSE in Panama, Operation DESERT SHIELD in Saudi Arabia, and Operation DESERT STORM in Iraq. Colonel Patton next commanded the 418th Base Support Battalion and the Military Community in Frankfurt, Germany. During the 1994-1995 school year he attended the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Boston as an International Security Studies Fellow. At the conclusion of his schooling he served in Haiti as United Nations Executive for Haitian Security and Commander of United States Support Group Haiti. Returning from Haiti he served as Provost Marshal of Third US Army/US Army Forces Central Command at Fort McPherson, Georgia. During Operation DESERT THUNDER he served as Provost Marshal and Joint Rear Area Coordinator of the Coalition Task Force at Camp Doha, Kuwait. He later commanded Fort Myer, Virginia and served as a Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Colonel Patton retired after 30 years of active service on 31 January 2002.

Colonel Patton is a graduate of the US Army War College Fellowship Program, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the Military Police Officer Basic and Advanced Courses. In addition to his BA and JD from the University of Kentucky, he has earned an MA in Political Science from Jacksonville State University in Alabama. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and the Joint Service Achievement Medal. He is parachute and air assault qualified and has been awarded parachute wings by the governments of Australia, Canada, and Germany.

Colonel Patton is married to the former Mary Frances Stoll of Lexington, Kentucky. They reside in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Their two children are John of Gainesville, Florida, and Julia of Lexington, Kentucky.