

COLONEL (R) TIMOTHY R. WILLIAMS

Colonel (retired) Timothy R. Williams is the Executive Director of the Veterans Multi-Service Center (VMC) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The VMC is a comprehensive resource center for all veterans and their families.

Colonel (R) Williams entered active duty as an Armor Scout, at Fort Knox, KY in June, 1979. Following his initial assignment with 1-4 INF, 3rd ID, he enrolled in the ROTC program at Arkansas State University and was commissioned as an Infantry 2LT in September, 1984.

Colonel (R) Williams served as an Infantry Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in Headquarters Company, Allied Command Europe Mobile Force (Land) and as an Anti-Tank Platoon Leader in 4-8 INF, 8th ID. Following Selection and the Qualification course, his initial Special Forces assignments were as the Detachment Commander of ODA 526 and the Operations Officer for 1st Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) (5th SFG(A)) during which he served in SHIELD/STORM and in Somalia. He was then stationed at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana, where he served as an ODA, ODB and OPCEN Observer/Controller, Plans Officer and as the Chief, SOF Plans.

Returning to the 5th SFG(A), Colonel (R) Williams served as the 2nd BN XO and commanded A Company, 2nd BN. He then served as a joint plans officer at Allied Forces North Europe in Brunssum, The Netherlands. Following his NATO assignment, Colonel Williams commanded the 3rd BN, 5th SFG(A) in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and subsequently served as the 5th SFG(A) Deputy commander, which included serving as the CJSOTF-AP Chief of Staff in Iraq. After serving as Director of Operations, Special Operations Command Central for two years, Colonel(R) Williams commanded the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Immediately prior his final military assignment as the Defense Coordinating Officer supporting FEMA Region III, Colonel (R) Williams was the USF-I Chief of Training and Commandant of the Stability Academy at Camp Victory, Iraq.

His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Special Forces Qualification Course, the Australian Army Command and Staff College and the Army War College. He holds a BA in History from Arkansas State University, a MA in Humanities with a concentration in Military History from Louisiana State University, a Masters in Defense Analysis from Canberra University, Australia and a Masters in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College.

Colonel (R) Williams' awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (1OLC), the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star (3OLC), Purple Heart, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (4OLC), the Joint Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (4OLC) Navy Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, 2nd Award, the Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, and Master Parachutist Badge. Colonel (R) Williams is a member of the Order of Saint Barbara and Order of Saint Maurice. He is authorized to wear multiple unit awards and several sets of foreign airborne wings.

Colonel (R) Williams is married to the former Lisa Power of Newport News, Virginia and has 4 children, one who is still at home, Andrew 17. The Williams Family resides in Columbus, New Jersey.