

## ***COL (P) LESTER SIMPSON***

Colonel (P) Lester Simpson is a distinguished military student and a distinguished military graduate from the University of Texas at Arlington Military Science Department. He received an early commission in the Texas Army National Guard in May of 1980 and graduated with a Bachelor of General Studies degree in December 1983. As a cadet, Colonel (P) Simpson was very active in the Corps of Cadets at UTA for four years and commanded the Sam Houston Rifles Drill Team in 1979 and 1980, winning numerous trophies and the State of Texas Championship.

Colonel (P) Simpson was commissioned an Infantry officer and served in many key leadership and command assignments in the Texas Army National Guard throughout his distinguished military career. He served as Weapons Platoon Leader A 3/144 IN, Rifle Platoon Leader B 3/144 IN, Rifle Company XO B 3/144 IN, Rifle Company Commander C 3/144 IN, Battalion Logistics Officer (S4) 3/144 IN, Battalion Operations Officer (S3) 3/144 IN, Battalion XO 3/144 IN, Battalion Commander 3/144 IN, Brigade Assistant Operations Officer (S3) 3rd Brigade 49 AD, Brigade Equal Opportunity Advisor 3rd Brigade 49 AD, Brigade XO 3rd Brigade 49 AD, 49th Armored Division Civil Affairs Officer (G5), and NATO Headquarters Commandant, 142nd Corps Rear Operations Center Commander. He deployed twice to Bosnia, once with the 49th Armored Division and then with the 36th Infantry Brigade, serving as the Secretary of the General Staff and Headquarters Commandant. Since 2006 he has served as Deputy Commander, 61st Engineer Brigade and Commander of the 176th Engineer Brigade, 36th Infantry Division. The Brigade consists of five battalions and is scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan early in 2010 as part of the surge.

Colonel (P) Simpson is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College and received a Master of Strategic Studies degree in 2005. His area of concentration is Defense Support to Civil Authorities operations and the Asia Pacific region. Colonel (P) Simpson's awards and decorations include: the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (4 OLC), the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device, Silver Hour Glass and Numeral 3 device, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon with Number 2, and the NATO Medal with Bronze Star.

Colonel (P) Simpson was selected for promotion to Brigadier General by the Adjutant General of Texas for his dynamic leadership, impeccable personal and professional credentials, multiple deployments and broad experiences, and commitment to mission accomplishment and taking care of soldiers. He is currently awaiting federal recognition orders as a General of the Line—GO.

While serving in the Texas Army National Guard Colonel (P) Simpson was employed by United Parcel Service (UPS). He performed in various positions during his employment and was assigned to positions of increased responsibility. He is currently the Operations Supervisor at the Plano Center of UPS. He supervises 65 UPS drivers making daily delivery and pickup and is the co-chair of the Plano Center's Comprehensive Health and Safety Committee.

Colonel (P) Simpson is married to Antoinette Simpson, and they reside in Rowlett, Texas. He has four children: Lester Jr. who is currently serving in Iraq; Solomon Joseph Simpson of Arlington, Texas; Nathan Ross Simpson, currently in Manheim, Germany; and Morgan Jaquai Williams of Rowlett, Texas. Colonel (P) Simpson is preparing to deploy his brigade HQs to Afghanistan in 2010. It will be his fourth deployment.