

Lieutenant Colonel Teresa A. James, US Army, Retired

Lieutenant Colonel Teresa James is a West Virginia native and currently resides in Central Florida, where she now enjoys retirement. Lieutenant Colonel James graduated from Saint Albans High School, in Saint Albans, West Virginia, in 1981. She holds a Master of Science in Strategic Leadership, from Mountain State University, Beckley, West Virginia, and a Bachelor of Science in Military Leadership, from University of Charleston, Charleston, West Virginia.

Lieutenant Colonel James retired in June 2015, after serving thirty-five years in the West Virginia Army National Guard. She served on active duty in the Active Guard Reserve (AGR) program from March 1997 through June 2015. She is a graduate of the West Virginia National Guard, Officer Candidate School (OCS), where she received her commission as a second lieutenant, in 1989, and presented the Distinguished Leadership Award for her class. She has held numerous positions throughout her thirty-five year career in the military including Detachment Commander, 1st Battalion 77th Troop Command, Commander, 1257th Transportation Company, Operations Officer, Executive Officer and Battalion Commander, for the 151st Military Police Battalion. She is a graduate of Command and General Staff College, Battalion Pre-Command Course, Tactical Commander's Course, Police Transition Team (Global War on Terrorism), Military Police Transition Course, Transportation Advanced Course, and the Adjutant General Corp Basic Course (Commandants List).

She supported combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, in 2009-2010, where she as the Executive Officer for the 151st Military Police Battalion. She was responsible for the base closure of Camp Al Taqaddum, Iraq, the largest logistical base in the Anbar Province, Iraq and the deployment of Military Police Training Teams throughout the Anbar Province to provide training to the Iraqi Police Force.

Her military awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Iraqi Campaign Medal.