

COLONEL JAMES (TOMMY) FAUST
US Army, Retired
Department of Army Civilian, Retired



COL Tommy Faust was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Military Intelligence through the ROTC program at the University of Georgia in 1976. He commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 501st MI Group; the 332nd Army Security Agency (ASA) Company, US Army Field Station Korea at Camp Page, Republic of Korea; the 332nd MI Company (Electronic Warfare), 532nd MI Battalion; the 344th MI Battalion, 111th MI Brigade, and the 525th MI Brigade (Airborne). COL Faust served as S3, 519th MI Battalion; S3, Task Force 525 during Operation URGENT FURY to Grenada in 1983; and S2, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. In 1986, as an MI Proponency Action Officer in the Office of the Chief of Military Intelligence at the US Army Intelligence Center, he developed the exception to policy allowing Special Electronic Mission

Aviators to hold both Aviation and MI Branch areas of concentration. He also served as one of the action officers during the 1 July 1987 activation of the Military Intelligence Corps.

From 1990 to 1994, COL Faust served as Chief, J2 Operations Division, Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC). During Operations DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM, JSOC selected COL Faust to serve as J2 of the Joint Special Operations Scud Hunting Task Force in Western Iraq. Two years later, he led the intelligence assessment team and then served as Chief of Intelligence Operations during Operation GOTHIC SERPENT or "Task Force Ranger" to Somalia in 1993. His final military assignment was Director of the Policy, Operations and Integration Directorate in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence (DCSINT), where he created and implemented intelligence plans for the Army's early efforts in the Global War on Terror.

COL Faust retired from active duty in 2002 and entered Civil Service. In 2005, he was selected for Senior Executive Service by the Department of Homeland Security and held positions as Chief of Staff and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intelligence Integration in the Office of Intelligence and Analysis and Chief of Staff for the Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection. In 2007, COL Faust transitioned to the Defense Intelligence Senior Executive Service to serve as the Director, Defense Counterintelligence Field Activity. A year later, he became the Deputy G2 in the Office of the DCSINT, Department of the Army. In this capacity, he oversaw Army intelligence

planning, programming and budgeting; intelligence operations; intelligence studies, architectures, and Army civilian intelligence personnel programs.

COL Faust retired from Civil Service in October 2013 with more than 40 years of combined military and civilian service. Among his military and civilian awards are the Presidential Rank Award-Meritorious Executive, National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal, Army Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service, the Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service, Legion of Merit (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), and Bronze Star. He earned the Ranger Tab and both US and Korean Master Parachutist badges.