

COLONEL JERRY W. JONES

US Army, Retired



COL Jerry Jones, a native of Arkansas, graduated from Arkansas Tech University and began his Army career in May of 1970. He was initially assigned as an Armor officer in the 1st Armored Division and the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood before his assignment to the Military Assistance Command Vietnam in Saigon in 1972. There he served as a Theater Intelligence Analyst and was cited for exceptional analysis of men and material on the Ho Chi Minh Trail that resulted in target nominations for B-52 strikes. He also evaluated all sources of information to develop predictive threat assessments of the North Vietnamese Army's ability to conduct offensive operations.

Upon completion of his tour in Vietnam, COL Jones was assigned to the 1st Military Intelligence (MI) Company, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas. There he was the Chief of the Analysis and Production Section under the Assistant Chief of Staff G2. He trained not only his section but also trained National Guard and Reserve Soldiers for deployments to three REFORGER exercises where they were commended for outstanding analytical support. In September 1976, COL Jones was assigned to the Federal Republic of Germany, first as Battalion S2 for an Improved HAWK Battalion and then as the Chief of the All Source Intelligence Center in the 504th MI Battalion (Provisional). During this time, he directed collection efforts and supervised the all-source analysis that led to his section producing very highly regarded studies on Warsaw Pact forces.

In January 1980, he was selected to be a Project Officer on a science and technology intelligence collection support team in the US Army Systems Exploitation Detachment, US Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM), Fort Meade, Maryland. During this tour, he became a member of the GREAT SKILL program. There he led a one-of-a-kind intelligence team dedicated to exploiting opportunities to collect critical information on Warsaw Pact armor and anti-armor programs. COL Jones orchestrated multidiscipline intelligence collection that led directly to obtaining information critical to the design and development of the M1 Tank, tank ammunition and anti-tank guided missiles. This mission required extensive and continuing coordination and liaison with the Department of Defense research and development organizations, national intelligence agencies and with US industry.

In 1985, COL Jones was selected to be a Program Manager in the Field Operating Agency, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Department of the Army. In

this position, he led a sensitive command and control warfare (C2W) operation tasked by the office of the Joint Chiefs and approved by the Secretaries of the Army and Defense. He was personally responsible for the development, coordination and execution of events in the Continental US and Europe of an operation associated with Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces. His expertise in Strategic Intelligence led to his selection to supervise activities in five major Army Commands, three DoD agencies and one non-DoD agency. His accomplishments contributed directly to achievement of national security goals and to the combat effectiveness of the European Theater. His knowledge and expertise in C2W were highly respected and led to his becoming the Operations Branch Chief supervising multiple program managers executing sensitive C2W missions worldwide.

In 1990, COL Jones initiated sensitive C2W operational support to US Central Command (CENTCOM) where he served as the nexus for theater and strategic activities. Though the details of his citation remain classified, he was credited with saving the lives of many US and Coalition personnel. Additionally, he managed and executed other significant events in support of DESERT STORM as well as orchestrating Service and Defense Intelligence Agency operational activities. After action reports confirmed his activities contributed significantly to the prosecution of Operation DESERT STORM.

After DESERT STORM, he became the Theater Support Branch Chief supervising strategists that provided direct support to each Army component and Unified Command. His section developed supporting intelligence for the national level intelligence community as well as developing guidance papers, planning documents and after action reports. Additionally, he drafted the Army policy for planning and executing C2W and taught it in a compartment joint planner's course.

In 1993, COL Jones became the Deputy Director for Operations and Investigations, US Army Foreign Counterintelligence Activity, INSCOM, Fort Meade, Maryland. There he supervised the Army's Worldwide Strategic Counterespionage Program (CE), Offensive Counterespionage Operations (OFCO), and Defensive Counterespionage (DCE) investigations to neutralize the impact of foreign intelligence services. Additionally, he planned, controlled and executed budgetary actions concerned with OFCO, DCE, and Operational Security (OPSEC) oversight before being reassigned in 1994 to the Executive Secretariat, National Counterintelligence Center, Washington DC. He both participated in and chaired national-level interagency working groups to develop and recommend policy initiatives to coordinate strategic counterintelligence activities.

COL Jones assumed command of the INSCOM Training and Doctrine Support (ITRADS) Detachment, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, in 1995. While assigned to Fort Huachuca, he was selected to deploy as Commander of the Allied Military Intelligence Battalion (AMIB) in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1997. The AMIB consisted of soldiers and civilians from 13 NATO nations at 16 different sites and was the only multinational CI and HUMINT organization conducting operations in the former Yugoslavia. There he planned and directed CI and HUMINT operations throughout

Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia in direct support of the Commander, Stability Force. He personally developed and supervised the preparation of assessments that accurately foretold of the problems that NATO and the United Nations needed to solve to create a democratic Bosnia-Herzegovina. Many of his efforts during this time contributed directly to the Army's our current CI and HUMINT doctrine. After a six month command, COL Jones returned to Fort Huachuca to continue as Commander of ITRADS where he completed 30 years of active duty that culminated in his retirement from active duty in June of 2000.

Upon retirement he served briefly with a Defense contractor at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, where he was responsible for planning and executing training for the Stryker Brigade Combat Team. In August 2001, he returned to a government position as a Department of the Army civilian as the Chief of Concepts, Architectures, and Requirements (CAR) in the Directorate of Combat Developments, US Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca. While in this critical position, he wrote the first White Paper on Intelligence Fusion requirements that served as the basis for several Army-wide seminars that led directly to development and refinement of fusion requirements for the Future Combat System and the Distributed Common Ground System-Army, two of the Army's premiere systems. He was also a driving force for developing MI structure for the Modular Force from maneuver battalion S2 sections through Theater Military Intelligence Brigades. He was the key member of the General Office Tiger Team that validated every MI requirement. His exceptional knowledge of intelligence operations and his persuasive evaluations led to his selection to personally brief the Tiger Team results to the CG, TRADOC. That briefing was the capstone event that led to the entire structure being approved by the Army Chief of Staff. It formed the groundwork for the structure that conducted successful intelligence operations worldwide throughout the first decade of the 21st Century.

In 2005, COL Jones was selected for his current position as the Director of ITRADS. COL Jones earned a number of awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the National Defense Service Medal (2 awards), and the Vietnam Service Medal (2 awards).

COL Jones was inducted into the MI Hall of Fame in 2008.