

COLONEL JON M. JONES US Army (Deceased)



Commissioned as an Intelligence officer in 1980, COL Jon M. Jones became one of the Army's premier experts in the planning and development of Army doctrine for multidiscipline intelligence support to combat intelligence operations. Serving in positions of increasing responsibility within divisions, intelligence commands, installation staff, and joint staff; COL Jones achieved recognized expertise in the field of tactical and operational intelligence.

In 1998 COL Jones was hand-picked to command the 751st MI Battalion, an elite intelligence battalion in one of the Army's most sensitive areas—Korea. Under his leadership, the battalion consistently set the standard on how to train for war while executing intelligence operations. As a

result his battalion won the Army's Maintenance Excellence Award in Fiscal Year 1999. Through his tireless and selfless efforts, his battalion also received recognition as the Major Command nominee for the Department of Army Supply Excellence Award and the Eighth US Army (EUSA) Connelly competitions.

Because of his superb performance in a multitude of diversified and extremely challenging assignments, he was chosen for assignment to the Joint Chiefs of Staff as the Deputy Information Operations (IO), Joint Warfighting Capabilities Assessments (JWCA), J3. There he authored three Joint Requirements Oversight Council issues that significantly improved the combatant commanders' ability to execute IO missions. Additionally, he was the primary architect and coordinator on Joint Staff initiatives to improve the Department of Defense's ability to protect and defend computer networks and systems.

In June 2002, COL Jones was selected to command the 513th MI Brigade at Fort Gordon, Georgia, the Army's only deployable, echelons above corps, contingency force-projection brigade based in five states and forward-deployed in seven countries. He worked tirelessly to conduct ground and airborne multidiscipline intelligence, signals intelligence (SIGINT), and human intelligence (HUMINT) support to force protection and counter-drug operations supporting Third US Army, US Central Command (CENTCOM), and US Southern Command (SOUTHCOM). He engaged his entire command in supporting Army Intelligence operations around the globe, providing real-time high-payoff intelligence operations actively engaged in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT).

COL Jones superlatively led more than 2,400 Soldiers and Civilians into battle during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. A superb leader with great instincts, he laid the groundwork for Coalition Forces intelligence successes by forging multidiscipline, "space-to-mud" intelligence architectures. As a result of his direct involvement and intuitive understanding of intelligence operations, COL Jones made the interagency, joint service Intelligence Exploitation Base successful through vision, teambuilding, and determined focus on Combined Joint Task Force 7 (CJTF-7). He aggressively pushed brigade collection capabilities on the battlefield. He truly made a difference in the planning, execution, and employment of critical intelligence systems. His exemplary performance of duty earned him accolades and respect throughout the CENTCOM chain of command and from warfighters on the battlefield.

COL Jones passed away unexpectedly on 6 June 2004 while leading his soldiers through one of the most challenging times in our nation's history.

COL Jones' awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), and the National Defense Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster).

COL Jones was posthumously inducted into the MI Hall of Fame in 2006.