



Change of Command Ceremony

10 July 1998

Sequence of Events

Formation of Troops

Presentation of Command

Inspection of Troops

National Anthem

Change of Command

Remarks

Movement to Reception Area

Participants

Lieutenant General William P. Tangney
Reviewing Officer

Colonel (P) Eldon A. Bargewell
Outgoing Commander

Colonel Gary L. Harrell
Incoming Commander

Colonel William E. Atkinson
Commander of Troops

Command Sergeant Major Douglas R. Carron
Command Sergeant Major

COL (P) ELDON A. BARGEWELL
U.S. Army

COL (P) Bargewell was born 13 August 1947 in Tacoma, WA. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1967, and completed SFQC in December 1967. Upon completion of SFQC, COL (P) Bargewell was assigned to the 6th and 7th Special Forces Groups as an A-Detachment Radio Operator. In September 1968 he was assigned to Reconnaissance Company, Command and Control North (CCN), SOG, conducting recon and direct action operations in Laos and North Vietnam. In February 1972, COL (P) Bargewell (then SSG) was assigned as an A-Detachment Weapons Sergeant on a MFF HALO Team in the 10th SFG at Fort Devens, MA. In 1972 COL (P) Bargewell attended the Infantry Officers' Candidate School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in Infantry in April 1973. His first few assignments as an officer were with the Rangers at Fort Lewis, WA where he served as a Platoon Leader, XO, and CO CDR. He was then assigned as S3 Air and a Rifle Company CDR in 2d Bn, 47th IN, and Aide-de-Camp, all within 9th IN Div. Following a brief assignment as MILPERCEN's Infantry Branch representative at Fort Benning, GA, COL (P) Bargewell was assigned to 1st SFOD-D in 1981 where he has subsequently served in a variety of positions. These assignments included Commander, DCO, Squadron CDR, OPS Off, and Troop CDR. COL (P) Bargewell completed an assignment as the J-3, JSOC, Fort Bragg, NC. COL (P) Bargewell has commanded special operations units from team to battalion level in Southeast Asia, JUST CAUSE, and DESERT STORM. COL (P) Bargewell is a graduate of the Airborne Course, Special Forces Qualification Course, MACV Recondo School, Infantry Officers' Advanced Course, Ranger School, Jumpmaster Course, SF MFF (HALO) Course, Command and General Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College (JPME II) and the Army War College. COL (P) Bargewell has a BS degree in Resource Management from Troy State University. COL (P) Bargewell's military decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal w/V (3), Bronze Star Medal (SVC) (3), Purple Heart (4), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/V, Army Commendation Medal (SVC), Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2), Vietnam Service Medal (7), Southwest Asia Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (2), Presidential Unit Citation, Joint Meritorious Unit Citation (2), Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation, Combat Infantry Badge, Master Parachutists Badge, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, and Military Free Fall Badge. COL (P) Bargewell is married to the former Marian Britt and they have 5 children--Lauren, Audrey, Logan, Brant and Jason.

COL. GARY L. HARRELL

U.S. Army

COL Gary L. Harrell was born 27 February 1951 in Johnson City, TN. He was commissioned a second lieutenant on 7 December 1973 upon graduation from East Tennessee State University. He was the first recipient of a 4 year ROTC scholarship to attend ETSU. From March 1974 to August 1976, he was assigned to the 2d Bn, 508th Infantry, 82d Abn Div, Fort Bragg, NC where he served as Rifle Platoon Leader, Anti-Tank Platoon Leader, and Company Executive Officer. From January 1977 to November 1979, he was assigned to the 3d Bn, 7th SFG (Abn) Fort Gulick, Panama. His duties included Special Forces Operational Detachment A-Team Commander, Commander of an A-Team SCUBA team, and Commander of the first CINC IN-EXTREMIS Assault Team.

COL Harrell was again assigned to the 82d Abn Div from August 1980 until April 1984. He performed the duties of Battalion S-4 and assumed command of Company C, 1st Bn, 505th Infantry in February 1981. The 1/505 Infantry Bn deployed as a member of the first multinational force to the Sinai in the spring of 1981. Upon completion of company command, COL Harrell was assigned as the G-3 Air, 82d Abn Div, and deployed with the Division to Grenada for Operation Urgent Fury. In April 1984 until December 1985 he was assigned as the Operations Officer, 2d Bn, 10th SFG (Abn), Fort Devens, MA. From December 1985 until March 1991, he was assigned to 1st SFOD-D, Fort Bragg, NC, where he held the position of Troop Commander. He participated in Operation Just Cause. In March 1991, COL Harrell was assigned to the Joint Special Operations Command as the Army Special Operations action officer. He participated in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In April 1992, he assumed command of C Squadron, 1st SFOD-D and was deployed to Somalia for operations in support of UNOSOM II. Since June 1995, COL Harrell has been assigned as the Deputy Commander, 1st SFOD-D, Fort Bragg, NC. COL Harrell is a graduate of the Airborne Course, Ranger Course, Special Forces Underwater Operations Course, Military Free Fall Course, Pathfinder School, Military Free Fall Jumpmaster Course, Special Forces Qualification Course, Special Operations Training Course, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. His military decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (with V-device), Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster), Army Commendation Medal (2-oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Multinational Force Observers Medal, National Defense Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2-oak leaf clusters and arrowhead device), Humanitarian Service Medal, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait Liberation Medal, Southwest Asia Badge, NATO Medal for Yugoslavia, Combat Infantry Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Master Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge, SCUBA Divers Badge, Special Forces Tab, and Ranger Tab. COL Harrell is married to the former Jennifer Counts and they have a son Chad, and two daughters, Andrea and Amanda.