



LTC(R) JAMES CALLENDER

LTC James Callender completed the Air Assault School at Fort Campbell, KY during the summer of 1979 as a senior ROTC Cadet and graduated from Southeastern in May 1980 as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He is a graduate of the Military Police Officer Basic and Advanced Courses at Fort McClellan, AI., and he has served in a variety of positions in the United States, Europe, and in Central America. While serving as the Deputy Operations Officer for the Third Military Police Group (CID), Callender deployed to Panama for Operation Just Cause as the Commander of a 45-person CID Task Force assigned to capture Manuel Noriega and his associates. As a reserve officer, Callender underwent mobilization on three separate occasions and he has served three tours of duty in the Middle East in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan). He retired after more than 24 years of service. Among his awards and decorations are the Army Parachutist Badge, the Army Pathfinder Badge, the Army Air Assault Badge, the Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and several awards of the Army Commendation Medal. While serving in Europe, he received the Nijmegen March Medal from the Queen of the Netherlands for completion of a 4-day, 100-mile road march, which also included a U.S. Presidential Sports Award.