

# **'THE MILITARY CAREER OF COL WILLIAM H. 'BILL' WATERS AKA 'THE BOSS 2 AUG 1932 - 23 MAY 2018**

Col. Waters entered the Army ROTC program in 1950 while attending college at Miss State University. He earned his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant upon graduation from MSU in 1954. He served on active duty in the US Army with the 2nd Armored Div from Jul 1954 - Apr 1957 in Heidelberg, Germany. The Army then placed him on Inactive Reserve until moving to Louisiana in 1959 and joining the La Army National Guard.

He served 32 years and nine months in the commissioned service first on active duty in the U.S. Army then in the Louisiana Army National Guard. He joined the Guard in 1959 and served 13 years with the 20th Special Forces Group. He commanded the Baton Rouge unit of the 20th SFG, the 2223rd Engineer Battalion, the 769th Engineer Battalion, and was executive officer for the 225th En Grp. He was assigned to the Adjutant General's staff for four years where he served as state director of personnel, administration, logistics and services. In 1984, he assumed command of the 204th Area Support Group at Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, and retired in 1987.

Colonel Waters' awards include two Legion of Merit awards, two Army Commendation medals, Meritorious Service Medal, two Armed Forces Reserve medals, two ARCAM medals, three Louisiana Commendation medals, four Louisiana Longevity medals, seven Louisiana Emergency Service medals and a Special Forces Tab, among others.



**41<sup>ST</sup> INF**



**2<sup>ND</sup> AD**



**LANG HQ**



**20<sup>TH</sup> SFG**



**2223<sup>RD</sup> ENBN**



**769<sup>TH</sup> ENBN**



**225<sup>TH</sup> ENGP AG**



**204<sup>TH</sup> SG**

