

Colonel Bobby H. Freeman
United States Army, Retired
Honorary Regimental Commander, 159th Aviation Brigade

Colonel Bobby H. Freeman was born in Trigg County, Kentucky and raised in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. He attended Hopkinsville Public Schools. He graduated from Murray State University and was commissioned a second Lieutenant in Field Artillery. His initial assignment after flight school was with the 101st Aviation Battalion, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Throughout his career Colonel Freeman served in a myriad of assignments to include Commander, 8th Army Aerial Surveillance Detachment, Seoul, Korea; Company Commander, 82d Aviation Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Flight Leader, 73d Aviation Company, Vung Tau, Vietnam; Commander Aviation Detachment, United States Military Academy, West Point; Commander, 117th Assault Helicopter Company, Long Binh, Viet Nam; Commander 13th Aviation Battalion, III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas; Chief of Aviation Management, Military Personnel Center, Congressional Affairs Officer, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Washington, DC; Defense Attaché, US Embassy, Kathmandu, Nepal; and Garrison Commander, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Colonel Freeman's civilian education includes : Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Murray State University; Master of Science in Business Management, Florida Institute of Technology; and Master of Science in Banking, School of Banking of the South, Louisiana State University. His military education includes the Army War College, the Command and General Staff College, and numerous career development schools and courses.

Colonel Freeman is active in many civic organizations to include AUSA National Advisory Council, Past President Tennessee/Kentucky Chapter AUSA, Past State President for Kentucky, AUSA, American Society of Military Comptrollers, The Retired Military Officers Association, Hopkinsville Chamber of Commerce, Past Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee for the Hopkinsville Chamber, Past President of the Oak Grove Kiwanis Club, Past President of the Murray State Alumni Association and past Chairman of the Hopkinsville-Christian County Airport Board. He now serves on the Kentucky Commission for Military Affairs Executive Committee. Following retirement from the Army, he was Vice President, Bank of American Military Bank, Fort Campbell; on the faculty of the University of Kentucky and Owner, Bob Freeman Aircraft Appraisals.

Colonel Freeman's awards and decorations include Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Defense Meritorious Medal, Bronze Star 2^d Award, Air Medal 16th Award, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Vietnam Soldiers Medal 1st Class, Master Army Aviator Badge and Air Assault Badge and Army Staff Identification Badge. Colonel Freeman currently resides in Hopkinsville, Kentucky.