

Gary Deese

Summary of Experience

Highly-motivated retired military leader who has over 45 years of experience in leadership positions in the US Army, public schools of Robeson County, community health services, and ministry. Has extensive education and training in leadership and service areas. Has received many awards of distinction from the US Army including the Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and Army Commendation Medal with Three Oak Leaf Cluster. Extensive training, experience, and success in the following areas:

- **Leadership and Training**
- **Communications/ Networking**
- **Staff Management and Review**
- **Financial Management**
- **Economic Development**
- **Civic and Cultural Affairs**
- **Customer Services**
- **Guidance and Counseling**
- **Organizational Management**

Summary of Selected Achievements

Leadership and Training: I built a distinguished career in the US Army, wherein I advanced from Section Sergeant to First Sergeant, 82nd Airborne, Fort Bragg, to Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Headquarters, XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery, Fort Bragg, NC. In these positions, I was responsible for leadership development and training for thousands of soldiers. I worked extensively with individual soldiers to counsel them on their career, professional, and educational possibilities and pathways to success. I won Drill Sergeant of the Post and the Battalion numerous times. After retirement from the military, I worked as a teacher in Robeson County Public Schools with the JROTC Program. I currently serve in leadership positions with Wesley Pines Retirement Home, of Lumberton; City of Fairmont Planning Board; Veterans of Foreign Wars; and Lumbee Warriors Association.

Financial and Organizational Management: I have extensive education, training, and experience in business management, operations and management of finances and budgets for large, complex organizational operations. During my military career, I helped manage the deployment of over 600 personnel and the delivery of over one million dollars in equipment to Saudi Arabia. In the position of Command Sergeant Major, I assisted the XVIII Corps Artillery Commanding General on financial and organizational management for matters related to training, personnel management, budgeting, logistics, and operations.

Communications/Networking and Customer Service: I have excellent communications, analytical and organizational skills with a solid record of building and maintaining responsible and reliable services to my employers and to organizations that I serve. I help to develop and work with other leaders as a team and network with numerous organizations and individuals. I work to motivate others to provide outstanding services to our customers and partners. I am very involved with a network of progressive and innovative leaders at the local, state, and national levels to provide services to people in need.

Employment History/Professional Experience

Wesley Pines Retirement Home, Lumberton, NC 2010 to present
Chaplain

Public Schools of Robeson County, Lumberton, NC 1993 to 1996
Teacher, JROTC Program

US Army, XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery, Fort Bragg, NC 1989-1993
Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Headquarters

The President of the promotion board conducted multifaceted briefings to executive-level government officials, broadcast media, and foreign dignitaries. Represented the Department of the Army as a guest speaker for Desert Storm celebrations in different U.S. cities. Briefed XVIII Corps Artillery Commanding General on training, personnel management, budgeting, logistics, and operations. Advised unit commander on proper utilization of soldiers. Developed and conducted a program to counsel soldiers on career, professional, and education possibilities. Provided recommendations to the Commanding General and staff on all matters pertaining to enlisted personnel. Managed deploying over 600 personnel and over one million dollars of equipment to Saudi.

US Army, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC 1987-1989
Operations Sergeant Major

Supervised and participated in coordination and implementation of target acquisition operations, training programs, administrative matters, and communication activities providing tactical and technical guidance. Planned, coordinated, and participated in the collection, interpretation, analysis, and evaluation of intelligence activities and data. Supervised and maintained classified files and records. Supervised processing of individual security clearances.

US Army, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC 1983-1987
First Sergeant

Assisted Commander on enlisted personnel matters. President of the enlisted promotion board. Supervised awards program, welfare, and recreational activities. Counseled and maintained records on alcohol and drug abuse programs. Supervised human relations and equal opportunity programs. Coordinated unit administration to include vehicular support, supplies, and food service activities. Provided counsel and guidance to subordinate personnel. Developed training schedules to train 200 soldiers. Counseled 50 to 200 soldiers quarterly.

Colorado National Guard, Canon City, Colorado 1981-1983
Senior Advisor

Managed and ordered library materials for 150 soldiers. Maintained records and enrollment for Army School Correspondence Courses. Responsible for personnel, logistics, operations, training, welfare, budget functions, physical security, and safety programs.

Non-Commission Officer Academy, Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii 1979-1981
Platoon Sergeant -Non-Commission Academy Director

Responsible for maintenance of 10 million dollars of equipment. Supervised 120 personnel. Supervised 16 different education courses and supervised 32 instructors. Served as a key leader in Senior Field Artillery School. Developed primary leadership instruction for the 25th Infantry Division NCO Academy.

US Army Fort Dix, Browns Mills, New Jersey

1975-1979

Drill Sergeant

Won Drill Sergeant of the post 5 times. Won Drill Sergeant of the Battalion 6 times as best instructor. Trained 250 trainees every 8 weeks in the following areas: Drill and Ceremonies; Guard Duty; Military History; Wearing the Uniform; Standards of Conduct; Counseling; and Financial Budgeting.

US Army Bad Kissenger, Germany

1970-1975

Section Sergeant

Responsible for 500 thousand dollars of equipment. Assisted in putting together operation plans. Processed messages to all branches of services. Inspected training barracks, and family support programs. Instructed and supervised section personnel in cannon gunnery procedures. Supervised operator and crew maintenance of equipment. Supervised handling transportation and distribution of millions of dollars of ammunition annually. Supervised and coordinated movement and control of special weapons at the Battalion level. Conducted training, handling, transportation, and preparation of special weapons, and munitions in nuclear-capable artillery units.

Education

New York Institute of Technology, NY

University of Colorado Canon City, Colorado

Attainment

Extensive courses in Business Management 2000 - 2006

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Other Education and Special Training**Department of Defense Training**

- Professional Training
- Artillery Advance Course
- First Sergeant Course
- Basic Instructor Course
- U.S. Army Sergeant Major Academy
- Artillery Basic Course
- Jungle Expert School
- Jump Masters Course
- Drill Sergeant Course
- Race Relation Leaders Course
- Leadership Course

Health and Wellness Training

- Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program Course Community Home Health & Hospice Training Coping with Death, Cancer, and Alzheimer's Volunteer Chaplain Training
- General Safety, Fire Safety, Disaster Preparedness Infection Control
- Sexual Harassment Patient's Rights
- Children's Bible Ministry (teaching Bible classes monthly in the Public Schools of Robeson Co)

