

James Glenn Snodgrass, COL, US Army (retired)

Colonel Snodgrass, a Pennsylvania native, graduated in 1967 as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the ROTC program at Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and was commissioned into the Regular Army as an armor officer. His early troop assignments included: platoon leader in the First Squadron, 17th Cavalry in the 82nd Airborne Division; platoon leader and executive officer of A Troop, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (in Vietnam); and Squadron S-3 and K Troop Commander in the 6th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

His military schooling included the Armor Officer Basic Course at Fort Knox, the Airborne and Ranger Courses and the Infantry Officer Advanced Course at Fort Benning, GA, the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA, and the Senior Service College Advanced Operational Studies Fellowship taught at Fort Leavenworth, KS, at the School of Advanced Military Studies. He earned a Master of Science degree from Temple University in Philadelphia in 1975. He taught tank gunnery at the Armor School at Fort Knox, ROTC at Gettysburg College, and a seminar at the School of Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth.

His more senior command and staff assignments included: Executive Officer of the First Squadron of the 11th ACR in Fulda, Germany (1979-1981). Regimental Adjutant, 11th ACR (1981-1982); Commander of the First Squadron of the 11th ACR in Fulda, Germany (1985-1987), where his squadron Boeselager team won, for the first and only time by the United States Army, the prestigious German armored reconnaissance International Boeselager Cup competition in 1987, finishing ahead of teams from 10 other NATO countries; Director of the War Plans Section of NATO's Central Army Group (CENTAG) during the last stage of the Cold War, supervising military planners from the US, France, Canada, and Germany; Chief Judge of the 1991 Canadian Army Trophy, a major tank gunnery competition between NATO countries (only the second American Chief Judge in the history of the competition); Brigade-level Commander of Grafenwoehr Training Area, the largest U.S. training area in Europe; Brigade-level Commander of a 4000-person (2000 Americans and 2000 Germans) Area Support Group in Germany that operated three military training areas and six military communities, two of which were selected as Army "Communities of Excellence" and awarded \$1million prizes; and Chief of Staff of the Operational Test and Evaluation Command.

His awards include the Legion of Merit(2), the Soldier's Medal, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (3), the Joint Service and Army Commendation Medals (3).

Upon retirement from the Army, Colonel Snodgrass worked 15 years in the defense industry – ten with Science Applications International Corporation (as a Program Manager and Division Manager), and five with DynCorp International (as the senior program management trainer). His primary post-retirement army contributions have been in support of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and the Blackhorse Association. Beginning in 1998, he chaired a committee which hosted several reunions of the 11th Cavalry in Germany and the United States to honor the Border Legion (of the Cold War era) and in support of the Blackhorse Association, which helped to spur renewed interest in the Association. At the reunion in Williamsburg in 2012, he was elected President of the Blackhorse Association, a 501c3 non-profit, charitable organization representing troopers, veterans and friends of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Blackhorse), and served in that capacity until June of 2016. In 2006 he was named to the Board of Directors of the National Armor and Cavalry Heritage Foundation, which strives to build a new Armor and Cavalry Museum at Fort Benning, GA. In 2015 Colonel Snodgrass was awarded the highest honor of the US Cavalry and Armor Association - induction into the Order of Saint George, Gold Medallion.