

## **GERALD W. LEMONS**

### **Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army (ret.)**

Lieutenant Colonel Gerald Lemons retired from military service in 1991 after having served in numerous command and staff assignments in the U.S., Germany and Viet Nam. Included in those assignments was service as an Air Field Commander in combat and Director of Mission Operations at the Richmond Depot, Lexington-Bluegrass Army Depot during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm where he was responsible for the raw material procurement, manufacturing and shipping of ammunition to the Middle East Forward Operating Bases. Mr. Lemons earned his CLA/CLT in 2011 and was soon after designated as a CLT Master Trainer. He has trained several hundreds of CLA/CLT students over the past five years and Train the Trainer courses for South Texas ISD's.

He is the former General Manager of HILCO Electric Cooperative, President of HILCO United Services Corporation, President of the Lake Whitney Water Company and Board member Brazos Generation and Transmission Cooperative where he instituted the first combined for-profit/not for profit services 3PL concept for the Texas Electric Cooperatives. Mr. Lemons retired in March 2007 after serving HILCO for 11 years. During these 11 years, HILCO underwent a dramatic corporate culture change from a small rural electric co-op to one of the fastest growing and most fiscally successful diversified utility Cooperatives in the State of Texas. Under his leadership, HILCO doubled its previous 50 million annual revenues and energy sales and diversified into for-profit products and services involving potable water, business financing, propane gas distribution, and land development. Recognized at the State and National levels as a fiscally strong, success oriented leader, Mr. Lemons was instrumental in leading HILCO being recognized as the business model for State Cooperatives to emulate.

Lieutenant Colonel Lemons served honorably in the United States Military for over 24 years. He completed overseas tours in Viet Nam, Germany, and temporary duty assignments in England, Cyprus, and Lebanon. His service assignments included commands at the company and battalion levels, as an Air Field Commander in Viet Nam, a Deputy Brigade Commander in Germany, a Task Force Commander in England, and Director of Mission Operations at the Lexington-Blue Grass Army Depot during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. LTC Lemons was qualified to serve as a Joint Staff Officer and completed assignments with NORAD/Space Command and NATO where he was responsible for strategic intelligence exercise planning/evaluation for the NORAD Command Post and the deployment and evaluation of the Patriot Missile system in Western Europe. In addition, LTC Lemons played a key planning role in multiple REFORGER executions for the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division. LTC Lemons held a Top Secret/SCI Security Clearance while on active duty and has recently passed a State of Texas background investigation.

His military awards & decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal w/V Device for Heroism, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry for Heroism, numerous Army Commendation Medals and Foreign Service Medals, U.S. Army Aviation Badge, German Surface-to-Air Missile Expert Badge, Texas Military Forces Commanding General's Individual Award, and Texas Medal of Merit.