

James (Jim) Ross

Service Branch: U. S. Army, Maryland, Indiana and South Dakota Army National Guard

Rank: Colonel

**Period of Service:**

Active duty with the U.S. Army from 1973-1975 as a medic in the 1<sup>st</sup> INF DIV. Entered the Army National Guard in 1979. Received appointment as 2LT in July 1980 (OCS Class 24, SDARNG). Military assignments include Medical MSC officer 1/147<sup>th</sup> FA, Medical MSC officer Co B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Spec Forces Group, Clearing Platoon Ldr with 113 Med BN, XO 842<sup>nd</sup> Eng Co, Commander 155<sup>th</sup> Eng Co, S-2/S-3 Officer 109<sup>th</sup> Engineer BN, JFHQ NBC Officer, 109<sup>th</sup> Engineer BN Executive Officer, JFHQ Soldier Readiness Officer, 196<sup>th</sup> RTI GS BN Commander, 196<sup>th</sup> OCS Battalion Commander, and 196<sup>th</sup> Regimental Commander. Retired from Army National Guard with 36 years of service

**Major Awards and Decorations:**

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster)

Meritorious Service Medal (Selective Service System),

Army Commendation Medal 2<sup>nd</sup> Award

Army Achievement Medal

Good Conduct Medal

National Defense Service Ribbon

Humanitarian Service Medal

Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon

The Parachute Badge

Expert Rifle Badge

**Miscellaneous:**

It is a great honor to be appointed to the SD Veterans Commission. My goal is to do everything I can to help South Dakota's veterans. I currently have a son and daughter-in-law serving in the SDARNG and a son in the US Army all who have had tours in either Iraq or Afghanistan and I hope my work on the commission will help meet the needs of these returning soldiers and continue to provide care to all of our veterans across the state.