

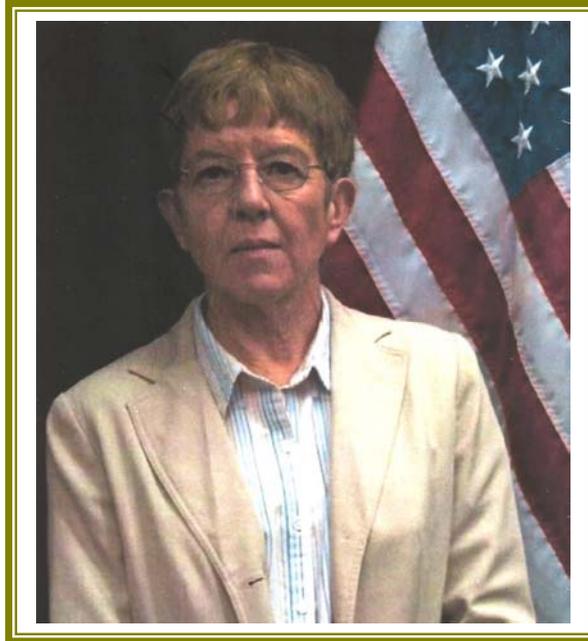
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Susan S. Halter

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Susan S. Halter was born in 1949 in Clinton, Missouri. She graduated from Southwest High School, Kansas City, Missouri. In 1972, she received a BA of education degree from Arizona State University.

After graduating from college, Susan enlisted in the United States Army in December 1972 and received an in-service direct commission as a second lieutenant in January, 1974. She holds an MA degree from the National Defense University.

Her additional military education includes the Women's Army Corps Officer Orientation Course, Transportation Officer Basic Course, Motor Officer Course, Transportation Officer Advanced Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Colonel Halter retired in January 2004 with an outstanding military career covering a span of thirty one years and including a variety of significant command and staff positions which include:

- Training Officer, Co D, 1st WAC Training Bn
- Command of Co B, 1st WAC Training Bn
- Platoon Leader, 181st Transportation Bn, Mannheim, Germany

- Installation Transportation Officer, 11th ACR, Fulda, Germany
- Movement Control Officer, DISCOM, Ft. Riley, Kansas
- Commander, HQ and HQ Company, 1st ID DISCOM
- Freight Transportation Management Officer, HQ, MTMC, Falls Church, Virginia
- Battalion Executive Officer, 180th Transportation Battalion, Ft. Hood, Texas, and Saudi Arabia (Desert Shield)
- Assistant Chief of Staff Transportation, Saudi Arabia (Desert Storm)
- Assistant Chief of Plans, 13th COSCOM, Ft. Hood, Texas
- Battalion Commander, 71st Transportation Battalion, Ft. Eustis, Virginia
- Attended Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft. McNair, Virginia
- Chief, Joint Movements Control Center, EUCOM J4, Stuttgart, Germany, deployed to Bosnia as part of Operation Joint Endeavor
- Installation/Garrison Commander, Oakland Army Base, Oakland, California
- Director, Joint and Multinational Operations Directorate, Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, 1999
- Senior Army Advisor, Fifth Army, Missouri National Guard, Jefferson City, Missouri,

Susan is currently the Civilian Deputy to the Garrison Commander, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Colonel Halter's awards and decorations include:

- Legion of Merit w/1 oak leaf cluster
- Bronze Star
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal w/3 oak leaf clusters
- Meritorious Service Medal w/6 oak leaf clusters
- Army Commendation Medal
- Joint Service Achievement Medal w/1 oak leaf cluster
- Army Achievement Medal w/1 oak leaf cluster
- Meritorious Unit Commendation
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- National Defense Service Medal w/1 oak leaf cluster

- NATO Medal
- Southwest Asia Service Medal w/3 bronze stars
- Kuwait Liberation Medal
- Armed Forces Service Medal

When asked about her most memorable event during her time in service, Colonel Halter said, "My whole thirty one years of military service was a memorable experience. I served both in the United States and overseas, deployed to major conflicts and met a whole lot of great men and women along the way, to include my husband. It is hard to single out an event that stood out. Every job I held had its own challenges and each one made me a stronger person."

Susan is married to Robert L. Mills. They are the parents of three sons. She is a member of the Old Paths Baptist Church.