

# Gary Deese

## Summary of Experience

Mr. Deese is a 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. He has extensive education and training in leadership and service areas. He has also 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:

Mr. Deese built a distinguished career in the US Army, wherein he 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, he was responsible for leadership development and training for thousands of soldiers. He worked extensively with individual soldiers to counsel them on their career, professional, and educational possibilities and pathways to success. He also won Drill Sergeant of the Post and the Battalion numerous times. After retirement from the military, Mr. Deese worked as a teacher in Robeson County Public Schools with the JROTC Program. Currently, he serves 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:

Mr. Deese has extensive education, training, and experience in business management, operations, and management of finances and budgets for large, complex organizational operations. During his military career, he 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, he 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:

Mr. Deese has excellent communication, analytical and organizational skills with a solid record of building and maintaining responsible and reliable services to the employers and organizations that he serves. He helps to develop and work with other leaders as a team and network with numerous organizations and individuals. He also works to motivate others to provide outstanding services to customers and partners. He is very involved with a network of progressive and innovative leaders at the local, state, and national levels to provide services to people in need.