

THOMAS F. STEWART

Thomas F. Stewart received a regular US Army commission from New Mexico State University and a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

As an Army Aviation unit commander, he served in a variety of attack helicopter command and staff positions with the 101st Airborne Division; the 24th Infantry Division; and he commanded the 17th Aviation Brigade in Korea and retired a colonel.

His final assignment in the military was Chief, Western Hemisphere Operations Division, Operations Directorate, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D.C. where he coordinated military operations and advised the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the National Command Authority on counter-drug, domestic support, and conventional operations of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard in the Atlantic Ocean and North, South, and Central America.

Currently in his eleventh year as County Manager for Lincoln County, New Mexico, he is a governor appointed member of the New Mexico Commission for Community Volunteerism where he advocates for Corporation for National and Community Service programs including AmeriCorps, Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), the National Civilian Community Corps, and Learn and Serve programs in the State of New Mexico. He has also been appointed the local government representative to the New Mexico Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Blue Ribbon Committee. The committee seeks to reduce rates of overrepresentation of minorities in the juvenile justice system. A proponent for the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), he also serves on the Lincoln County Juvenile Justice Board. He is a past president and current member of the Carrizozo Rotary Club and is the Honorary Colonel of the New Mexico State University Army ROTC program.