



**David R. Gust**

## **Biography**

Major General (Retired) David R. Gust joined USfalcon, Inc in April 2007 and assumed the position of President. This position followed nearly two and a half years as Manager, Federal Telecoms for Bechtel National, Inc. and nearly four years as President and Chief Executive Officer of Technical and Management Services Company (TAMSCO). Prior to this position, he served for 34 years of active duty Army service from 1966 until his retirement in November, 2000.

As an Army Acquisition Corps officer for 23 years, from 1977 until 2000, David has served as Product Manager for the Data Link on the Aquila Remotely Piloted Vehicle and as Project Manager for the Mobile Subscriber Equipment digital communications replacement program for the entire US Army Signal Corps. Subsequent General Officer assignments included the Program Executive Officer, Communications Systems (PEO-Comm Systems), Program Executive Officer, Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors (PEO-IEW&S) and at Army Materiel Command, as Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development and Acquisition (DCSRDA).

General Gust was drafted into the Army in 1966 and was commissioned in the Signal Corps in 1967. He received a BS in Electrical Engineering in 1974 from the University of Denver, a Masters' in Systems Management from the University of Southern California in 1977 and a Masters' in Strategic Studies from the US Naval War College in 1989.

Prior to his Army assignment, David worked for American Telephone and Telegraph Company, Long Lines Department for four years as a Microwave Radio Repairman. He held a Second Class Radiotelephone License from the Federal Communications Commission.

In his Army career, General Gust was assigned to command and staff positions both in the United States and in overseas assignments. He commanded separate company-sized units at Fort Gordon, Georgia and at Camp Humphreys, Korea. He served on staff assignments at Fort Knox, Kentucky where he deployed for riot control duty in Baltimore, MD after the assassination of Rev ML King. He also served in combat at Dong Ha, Republic of Viet Nam and at 5<sup>th</sup> Signal Command in Worms, Germany. His experiences in using and maintaining communications equipment, including Communications Security (COMSEC) Custodian duties, were fundamental to his success in fielding communications upgrades to the US Army. With this technical understanding of communications equipment, he was able to successfully supervise Army projects in the Intelligence and Electronic Warfare mission area. His final assignment at the Army Materiel Command included serving as the Chairman of the Source Selection Advisory Council for the Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle procurement and supervising preparation of the acquisition procurement package for the Stryker combat vehicle.

His overseas experience includes tours in Viet Nam, Germany and Korea.