

## **U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. (Jeff) Jones Assistant Adjutant General- Army South Carolina National Guard**



U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. (Jeff) Jones serves as the Assistant Adjutant General-Army in the South Carolina National Guard. He assumed this role on July 8, 2016. He is responsible for monitoring the state's Army National Guard readiness and training and also serves as the dual-status commander during military support to civil authority's missions.

Jones enlisted in the South Carolina Army National Guard in 1985 as a 13B, Field Artillery Cannon Crewman, and assigned to Service Battery, 3-178th Field Artillery (FA) in Chesterfield, South Carolina. Jones subsequently attended Palmetto Military Academy (OCS) and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1987.

A career Field Artilleryman, Jones' military assignments have included Fire Direction Officer (FDO) and Executive Officer (XO), Battery B, 3-178 Field Artillery in Bennettsville; Fire Support Officer, 51st Aviation Group, Columbia; Battalion Fire Direction Officer and Assistant Operations Officer, HQ, 3-178th Field Artillery in Lancaster; Commander, Battery C, 3-178th Field Artillery in Cheraw and Hartsville; Senior Tactical Officer, Palmetto Military Academy, Leesburg; and, Brigade Fire Control Officer, 151st Field Artillery Brigade in Sumter, South Carolina.

In 2002, Jones was assigned as Operations Officer (S-3), 4-178th Field Artillery in Georgetown, South Carolina. Jones subsequently served as Assistant S-3, 151st Field Artillery Brigade. In July of 2004, Jones deployed as Battalion S-3, 1-178th Field Artillery in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Upon redeploying, Jones was assigned as Executive Officer, 51st RAOC in Florence, South Carolina. In 2007, Jones was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and served as Battalion Commander, 1-178th Field Artillery.

In May 2009, Jones was assigned as Brigade Executive Officer, 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB), Charleston, South Carolina. He served as Chief of Staff during the Brigade's mission as Headquarters, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High Explosive Consequence Management Response Force (CCMRF), an immediate response asset for U.S. Army NORTHCOM. In August of 2011, Jones was assigned as 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade Deputy Commander (DCO) and, from 2012 to 2013, deployed to Kosovo as Deputy Commander, Multi-National Battle Group-East (NATO KFOR).

From January 2014 to May of 2017, Jones served as Commander, 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade. During his Command, the Brigade served as Joint Task Force Operations, Command and Control, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Response Element (C2CRE). Jones also commanded Task Force Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) operations along the entire South Carolina coast during the 2015 South Carolina Floods and Hurricane Matthew in October of 2016.

Jones is a 1987 graduate of The Citadel and he holds Master's Degrees from the University of South Carolina in Columbia and the U.S. Army War College. Among his military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Iraq Campaign Medal, and the NATO Medal (KFOR). Jones resides in Mount Pleasant with his wife, Amanda. They have three children: Houston, Lydia, and Isobel. Jones currently serves the United States District Court, Charleston Division, as a Supervising U.S. Probation Officer - Court Services.