



Biography

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Deputy Commanding General for Army National Guard



Maj. Gen. Joe Jarrard, a native of Dahlonega, Georgia, assumed his duties as U.S. Army Europe and Africa Deputy Commanding General for Army National Guard April 1, 2019.

Maj. Gen. Jarrard graduated from North Georgia College and commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1988. He served on active duty for more than 20 years.

Appointed by the governor of the State of Georgia in 2014, Maj. Gen. Jarrard served as the 42nd Adjutant General of Georgia. Previously, he served for more than three years as the Assistant Adjutant General - Army and Commanding General of the Georgia Army National Guard.

Under his leadership, the Georgia Army National Guard was selected by U.S. Army Forces Command to lead the way in implementing the Army's Associated Unit Program - the only state organization to have both division and battalion level associations with the Active Army component. Georgia's 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team is directly aligned with the 3rd Infantry Division. Additionally, the Georgia Air National Guard's 116th Air Control Wing won their 21st Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the most of any Air Force Unit.

Furthering international theater security cooperation initiatives, the Georgia National Guard was selected by the National Guard Bureau in 2016 for a second partner country (Argentina) as part of the State Partnership Program. This is in addition to the 24-year partnership with the country of Georgia. Georgia was also selected to establish one of the three initial National Guard Cyber Protection Teams, placing Georgia in the forefront of cyber defense.

While on active duty, Maj. Gen. Jarrard served at numerous duty stations to include Germany; Fort Stewart, Ga.; Fort Riley, Kan.; and Fort Bragg, N.C. His operational deployments were to Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM in 2003 and 2005. He also worked as a defense contractor in Afghanistan from April 2010 to Sept. 2011.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Senior Parachutist Badge and Ranger Tab.

Maj. Gen. Jarrard is married and has three children.