

# BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN A. BYRD



## **Assistant Adjutant General - Army, North Carolina**

Brigadier General John A. Byrd assumed duties as the Assistant Adjutant General, North Carolina Army National Guard on 10 January 2014. In this capacity he is the principal advisor and assistant to the Adjutant General and responsible for the management, development, and coordination of policies and directives between the North Carolina National Guard, State of North Carolina, Department of the Army, National Guard Bureau and Major Commands. He synchronizes strategies and provides oversight to achieve programmatic and operational goals.

General Byrd was commissioned in 1984 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Campbell University. His previous military assignments include Infantry Company Commander, Infantry Battalion Commander, Regimental Commander, as well as, staff positions at all levels. Brigadier General Byrd's most recent assignment included the North Carolina National Guard Army Chief of Staff.

## **EDUCATION:**

1987 Campbell University, Bachelor of Science, Biology, Buies Creek, North Carolina  
2007 Army War College, Master of Science Degree, Strategic Studies, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

## **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. September 1987 - September 1989, Executive Officer, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 120th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division (Round Out), Mt. Airy, North Carolina
2. October 1989 - September 1990, Executive Officer, Company B, 1st Battalion, 119th Infantry, 30th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized), (Separate), Williamston, North Carolina
3. September 1990 - July 1992, Commander, Company E (Anti-Armor), 1st Battalion, 119th Infantry, 30th Infantry Brigade, (Mechanized)(Separate), Tarboro, North Carolina
4. August 1992 - May 1994, Commander, Company B, 1st Battalion, 119th Infantry, 30th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized), (Separate), Williamston, North Carolina
5. June 1994 - December 1995, Executive Officer, Headquarters, Headquarters Company 30th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized), (Separate), Mt.Olive, North Carolina
6. January 1996 - August 1996, Liaison Officer, 30th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized), (Separate), Clinton, North Carolina
7. September 1996 - January 1997, Assistant S-3 (Air), 30th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized), (Separate), Clinton, North Carolina
8. February 1997 - September 1998, S-3 (Air), 30th Heavy Separate Brigade (Mechanized), Clinton, North Carolina
9. September 1998 - January 1999, Plans Officer, Headquarters Headquarters Company, 30th Heavy Separate Brigade (Mechanized), Clinton, North Carolina
10. February 1999 - December 2001, S-3, Headquarters Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 119th Infantry, Ahoskie, North Carolina
11. January 2002 - December 2002, Commander, Headquarters Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 119th Infantry, 30th Heavy Separate Brigade, Ahoskie, North Carolina
12. January 2003 - December 2003, Executive Officer/Operations Officer, 139th Rear Operations Center, Army Forces Central Command, Kuwait
13. December 2003 - December 2004, Operations Officer, 139th Rear Operations Center, Morrisville, North Carolina
14. December 2004 - February 2006, Operations Officer, 139th Rear Operations Center, Morrisville, North Carolina
15. March 2006 - September 2007, Deputy Commander, Headquarters Headquarters Company, 30th Heavy Brigade, Clinton, North Carolina
16. October 2007 - June 2008, J2, Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Joint Force Headquarters North Carolina, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Raleigh, North Carolina
17. July 2008 - December 2009, Senior Operations Analyst, Detachment 1, Army National Guard, United States Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia
18. January 2010 - June 2013, Commander, Headquarters 139th Regiment (Combat Arms), Fort Bragg, North Carolina
19. July 2013 - December 2013, Army Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, Joint Force Headquarters, Raleigh, North Carolina
20. January 2014 - Present, Assistant Adjutant General, Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, Joint Force Headquarters, Raleigh North Carolina

## **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster)

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Achievement Medal

Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Star)

Iraq Campaign Medal (with 2 Bronze Campaign Stars)

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Stars)

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hour Glass and "M" device)

Army Service Ribbon

Army Overseas Service Ribbon

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

North Carolina Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Gold Hornet's Nest)

North Carolina Commendation Medal

North Carolina State Active Duty Medal (with 1 Numeral "4")

North Carolina Service Award (with 1 Gold Hornet's Nest)

North Carolina Governor's Unit Citation

## **CIVILIAN OCCUPATION:**

Director, North Carolina State Crime Laboratory, Raleigh, North Carolina

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS:**

International Association for Identification

American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors

North Carolina Division of the International Association for Identification

North Carolina National Guard Association

National Infantry Association

National Guard Association of the United States

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

1995 North Carolina Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, General Law Enforcement Certification

1995 North Carolina Department of Justice, State Bureau of Investigation, Special Agent Academy, Special Agent

1997 North Carolina Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, Law Enforcement General Instructor Certification

2004 North Carolina Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, Advanced Law Enforcement Certification

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant 02 June 1984

First Lieutenant 29 May 1987

Captain 15 March 1991

Major 11 Jun 1997

Lieutenant Colonel 06 September 2001

Colonel 29 March 2006

Brigadier General 10 January 2014