



MAJOR GENERAL JAMES A. HOYER

The Adjutant General – West Virginia

Major General James A. Hoyer assumed the duties as The Adjutant General, West Virginia Joint Forces Headquarters – West Virginia on 1 February 2011. As the Adjutant General, State of West Virginia, he provides command guidance and vision to the West Virginia Army and Air National Guard of more than 6,500 Citizen Soldiers and Airmen. He provides the overall supervision of the day to day operations and management of the readiness, fiscal, personnel, equipment and the real property resources of the agency.

General Hoyer received his undergraduate degree from the University of Charleston and was commissioned in 1983 through a joint Reserve Officer Training Corps program with West Virginia State University. General Hoyer began his military career in the West Virginia National Guard as a Cavalry Officer. He attended the Special Forces Officer Qualification course and spent over 14 years with the 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group. General Hoyer led the development of the West Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Task Force and the Joint Interagency Training and Education Center and its Center for National Response; a national level operational and training capability for critical infrastructure protection and consequence response. General Hoyer served as Director, Joint Staff, West Virginia Joint Force Headquarters.

EDUCATION:

1983 University of Charleston, Bachelor of Science, Management/Marketing, Charleston, West Virginia

1987 West Virginia Graduate College, Master of Science, Management/Public Administration, Institute, West Virginia

2004 United States Army War College

2004 United States Army War College, Master of Science, Strategic Studies, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania

2009 Federal/DoD Identify Management Certificate, Naval Postgraduate School

2012 Honorary Doctorate of Law, University of Charleston, West Virginia

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. December 1983 – May 1986, Assistant S-3/Chemical Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 150th Armored Cavalry, Bluefield, West Virginia
2. May 1986 – May 1989, Detachment Executive Officer, Company B, 2nd Special Forces Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group, Ceredo, West Virginia
3. May 1989 – January 1994, Detachment Commander, Company B, 2nd Special Forces Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group, Ceredo, West Virginia
4. January 1994 – October 1996, Commander, Support Company, 2nd Special Forces Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group, Ceredo, West Virginia
5. November 1996 – March 1999, Commander, Detachment 1, 2nd Special Forces Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group, Kenova, West Virginia
6. April 1999 – September 2000, Executive Officer, Headquarters, 2nd Special Forces Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group, Kenova, West Virginia
7. October 2000 – February 2002, Commander, 35th Civil Support Detachment (WMD), Charleston, West Virginia
8. February 2002 – September 2003, Counterdrug Coordinator, Headquarters, West Virginia State Area Command, Charleston, West Virginia
9. October 2003 – February 2004, Commander, 771st Troop Command, Charleston, West Virginia
10. March 2004 – February 2005, Deputy Commander for Installations and Homeland Defense, Charleston, West Virginia; Commander Joint Interagency Center-East
11. March 2005 – August 2006, Commandant, West Virginia Joint Force Headquarters, Charleston, West Virginia; Commander Joint Interagency Training Center – East
12. September 2006 – January 2011, Director, Joint Staff, West Virginia National Guard, West Virginia Joint Force Headquarters, Charleston, West Virginia
13. February 2011 – Present, The Adjutant General, West Virginia National Guard, West Virginia Joint Force Headquarters, Charleston, West Virginia

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Army Commendation Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Army Achievement Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)

National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Iraq Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass and M Device)

Army Services Ribbon

Overseas Service Ribbon

Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon

West Virginia Commendation Medal

West Virginia Emergency Service Ribbon
West Virginia State Service Ribbon
West Virginia Service Ribbon
West Virginia Counterdrug Ribbon
West Virginia Distinguished Unit Award
Special Forces Tab
Master Parachutist Badge
Air Assault Badge
Thailand Parachute Badge

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant USAR 8 May 1983
Second Lieutenant ARNG 8 December 1983
First Lieutenant ARNG 7 May 1986
Captain ARNG 4 October 1989
Major ARNG 26 February 1996
Lieutenant Colonel ARNG 3 October 2000
Colonel ARNG 1 October 2004
Brigadier General ARNG 31 August 2007
Major General ARNG 1 February 2011

(current as of May 2012)