

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN M. RHODES

Commander, 66th Troop Command



Brigadier General John M. Rhodes serves as the Commander, 66th Troop Command and also as the Assistant Adjutant General - Army, Mississippi National Guard. As Commander of 66th Troop Command, he is responsible for commanding a major subordinate command within the Mississippi Army National Guard consisting of over 2,600 Soldiers statewide. General Rhodes is responsible for the administration, training, equipping, and overall readiness of units to respond to federal and state contingencies, both natural and man-made. He also commands a Joint Task Force under the direction of the Adjutant General in response to natural and man-made contingencies in support of homeland security and defense operations.

General Rhodes was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, Infantry, in May 1987 through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Mississippi State University where he was recognized as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He has served in command and staff positions at every level, including Commander, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Deputy Commander, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Commander, 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment, Chief of Staff, MSARNG Element. General Rhodes served on active duty as the Mortar Platoon Leader for the 6th Battalion, 6th Infantry Battalion, 1st Armored Division during Operation Desert Storm in 1991. He also served as the Commander of the 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment during Operation Iraqi Freedom III in 2005, and served as the Deputy Commander of 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team during Operation Iraqi Freedom 9.2 in 2009-2010.

EDUCATION:

1987 Mississippi State University, Bachelor of Business Education, Starkville, Mississippi

2003 Touro University International, Masters of Business Administration, Military Management, by correspondence

2010 United States Army War College, Master of Strategic Studies, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. March 1988- July 1989, Infantry Platoon Leader, Company B, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Vilseck, Germany
2. July 1989- July 1990, Executive Officer, Company B, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Vilseck, Germany

3. July 1990-December 1990, Scout Platoon Leader, HHC, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Vilseck, Germany
4. December 1990-May 1991, Mortar Platoon Leader, HHC, 6th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Southwest Asia (Operation Desert Storm)
5. October 1991- November 1994, Commander, HHC, 155th Separate Armored Brigade, Tupelo, Mississippi
6. December 1994-August 1995, Liaison Officer, 155th Separate Armored Brigade, Tupelo, Mississippi
7. August 1995-April 1997, Commander, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 198th Armored Regiment, 155th Separate Armored Brigade, Oxford, Mississippi
8. April 1997-August 1999, Assistant Operations Officer, 155th Separate Armored Brigade, Tupelo, Mississippi
9. August 1999-January 2000- Operations Officer, 2nd Battalion, 198th Armored Regiment, 155th Separate Armored Brigade, Senatobia, Mississippi
10. January 2000- January 2002, Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion, 198th Armored Regiment, 155th Separate Armored Brigade, Senatobia, Mississippi
11. January 2003-August 2002, Action Officer, Individual Augmentation Branch, Army G-3, HQDA, Pentagon, Washington, D.C (In Support of OEF)
12. August 2002-June 2003, Operations Officer, 2nd Battalion, 198th Armored Regiment, 155th Separate Armored Brigade, Senatobia, Mississippi
13. June 2003-May 2004, Civil Military Officer, 155th Separate Armored Brigade, Tupelo, Mississippi
14. May 2004- June 2007, Commander, 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry Regiment, 155th Separate Armored Brigade McComb, Mississippi, OIF III, Iraq
15. June 2007-January 2008, Operations Officer, 155th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, Tupelo, Mississippi
16. January 2008-May 2010, Deputy Commander, 155th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, Tupelo, Mississippi, OIF 9.2, Iraq
17. May 2010-July 2013, Commander, 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Tupelo, Mississippi
18. July 2013-May 2015, Chief of Joint Staff, MSARNG Element, Joint Forces Headquarters, Mississippi National Guard, Jackson, Mississippi
19. May 2015-Present, Commander, 66th Troop Command and Assistant Adjutant General - Army, Mississippi National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters, Jackson, Mississippi

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters
 Meritorious Service Medal with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster
 Army Commendation Medal with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters
 Army Achievement Medal
 Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with 1 Silver and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster
 National Defense Service Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star
 Southwest Asia Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars
 Iraq Campaign Medal with 3 Campaign Stars

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Silver Hourglass and 1 M Device
Army Service Ribbon
Overseas Service Ribbon with Numeral 4
Saudi Arabian for the Liberation of Kuwait Medal
Kuwait Liberation Medal
Mississippi Magnolia Cross
Mississippi Magnolia Medal
Mississippi Commendation Medal
Mississippi War Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star
Mississippi Emergency Service Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star
Mississippi Service School Medal with 4 Bronze Service Stars
Mississippi Longevity Medal with 4 Bronze Service Stars
Combat Infantry Badge with 1 Bronze Service Star
Expert Infantry Badge
Parachutist Badge
Air Assault Badge

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION:

General Manager of City of Corinth Gas and Water Department, Corinth, Mississippi.
Responsible to protect the public health and welfare of over 7,500 customers by providing a safe, reliable, and sufficient supply of water and natural gas with quality service at a reasonable cost using effective management and sound business practices.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS:

Infantry Association of America
Armored Association of America
National Guard Association of United States
National Guard Association of Mississippi
Veterans of Foreign Wars
American Legion
Military Officers Association of America

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant 24 May 1987
First Lieutenant 7 June 1989
Captain 9 January 1992
Major 4 September 1997
Lieutenant Colonel 24 March 2005
Colonel 19 December 2007
Brigadier General (Line) 4 August 2015

(Current as of September 2, 2015)