



Washington, DC

# Biography

## United States Army

### Brigadier General Thomas J.P. Jones

Deputy Director for Operations, National Military Command Center, J-3, Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Brigadier General Tom Jones was born in Marlow, Oklahoma on 24 January 1933. He served honorably as an enlisted man for five years and upon completion of Officer Candidate Course as a Distinguished Military Graduate, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from Cameron University and a Master of Science degree in Communication Science from Shipensburg State College. His military education includes completion of the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College.

He has held a wide variety of important command and staff positions culminating in his current assignment as Deputy Director for Operations, National Military Command Center, J-3, Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, DC. Other key assignments held recently include Assistant Commandant of the United States Army Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Commander of the Southwest Region, United States Army Recruiting Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; and Commander of Division Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division, Korea.

General Jones served in a variety of important career building assignments preparatory to his most recent duties. After serving in company grade Field Artillery positions, he was assigned as the S-3 (Operations) of the 7th Field Artillery Battalion in Vietnam. He then became the Operations Officer of Fifth United States Army at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, following which he returned to Vietnam for his third combat tour there, this time serving as S-3 (Operations) of Division Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) following which he commanded the 1st Battalion of the 77th Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). Returning to the United States, General Jones' next assignment was to Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he served as Executive Officer of the Personnel and Community Affairs Directorate, United States Army



Field Artillery Center and Fort Sill. He was next assigned to Washington, DC where he served as a Staff Officer in the Material Coordination Branch, Budget and Five Year Defense Plan Coordination Division, Manpower and Forces Directorate, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, United States Army. He subsequently became the Chief of the Assignment Section of the Field Artillery Branch, Officer Personnel Directorate, United States Army Military Personnel Center. Returning to Fort Sill, General Jones served consecutively as the Deputy Director, Target Acquisition Department; the Senior Field Artillery Staff Officer, Training Developments Directorate; Chief Division Restructure Task Force; Deputy Director and Director of Course Development and Training, United States Army Field Artillery School.

Awards and decorations which General Jones has received include the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal with V Device and five Oak Leaf Clusters, several Air Medals, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster, the Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Aircraft Crewman Badge.

He is married to the former Rachel B. Radel and they have four children: Thomas, Sandra, Sheryl, and Shelly.