



# TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARD OFFICIAL BIOGRAPHY

## Brig. Gen. Donald L. Johnson



### Assistant Adjutant General, Air

Brig. Gen. Donald L. Johnson is the Assistant Adjutant General, Air for the Tennessee National Guard. In this capacity, Brig. Gen. Johnson commands and insures the readiness of Tennessee's three flying and three mission support units. The flying units consist of the 118<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing in Nashville, the 164<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing in Memphis and the 134<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing in Knoxville. The support units are the 119<sup>th</sup> Command and Control Group in Knoxville, the 241<sup>st</sup> Engineering and Installation Squadron in Chattanooga and the 236<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron in Nashville.

Before his appointment as the ATAG, Air, Brig. Gen. Johnson served as the Deputy Director of Manpower, Personnel and Services for the Air

National Guard in Washington, DC. As the Deputy Director, he was responsible for the oversight and direction of all day to day activities with the A1 Directorate supporting 107,600 Air National Guard members worldwide.

Brig. Gen. Johnson entered service with the active duty Air Force in October of 1976. Upon completion of basic training and tech school he was assigned to the 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB, SC. He enlisted in the Air National Guard with the 134th Air Refueling Wing in 1978 serving as a Crew Chief on KC-135 aircraft. Brig. Gen. Johnson was commissioned in 1986 through the Academy of Military Science, McGhee Tyson ANG Base, Knoxville, TN. He completed Logistics Plans training and was assigned to the 134th Air refueling Wing in Knoxville as the Installation Mobility Officer.

Brig. Gen. Johnson served the wing in various capacities in his ANG career, including Logistics Plans Officer, Supply Officer, Maintenance Operations Flight Commander, Aircraft Generation Squadron Commander, Mission Support Flight Commander, and the Advisor to the Commander, Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver, Colorado before his assignment as the Deputy Director of Manpower, Personnel and Services for the Air National Guard.

### EDUCATION

1985 Associate of Science degree in Aircraft Maintenance Technologies, CCAF, USAF

1986 Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, Tusculum College, Greenville, TN

1992 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL  
1999 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL  
1994 Masters of Arts degree in Applied Organizational Management, Tusculum College,  
Greenville, TN  
2001 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 1977 – Crew Chief; 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB, SC
2. May 1978 – Crew Chief; 134th ARW, Knoxville, TN
3. November 1986 – Logistics Plans Officer; 134th ARW, Knoxville, TN
4. June 1993 – Supply Officer; 134th ARW, Knoxville, TN
5. July 1995 – Aircraft Maintenance Officer; 134th ARW, Knoxville, TN
6. February 1999 – Personnel Officer; 134th ARW, Knoxville, TN
7. March 2007 – ANG Advisor; Air Reserve Personnel Center, Denver, CO
8. Jan 2011 – Deputy Director of Manpower, Personnel and Services for the Air National Guard, Arlington, VA
9. April 2011 – Assistant Adjutant General, Air, Tennessee National Guard, Nashville, TN

#### MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with 2 devices  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

#### EFFECTIVE DATES

Second Lieutenant	Nov. 6, 1988
First Lieutenant	Nov. 22, 1988
Captain	Nov. 23, 1990
Major	Nov. 23, 1994
Lieutenant Colonel	Mar. 9, 1999
Colonel	Apr. 29, 2008
Brigadier General	Sep. 23, 2011

(Current as of 4 January 2012)