## MAJOR GENERAL (Retired) CHARLES W. WHITTINGTON, Jr.



# ACTING DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Major General Charles W. Whittington, Jr. assumed duties as Deputy Director of the Army National Guard in July 2018. General Whittington served as the Acting Director of the Army National Guard from February 2019 to June 2019. In this assignment, General Whittington led the Headquarters of the Army National Guard and advised the Chief National Guard Bureau, the Chief of Staff of the Army, and the Adjutants General of the states on guard matters. Prior to this assignment, General Whittington served as First Army Deputy Commanding General-Operations. Prior to becoming First Army Deputy Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Whittington served, since October 2012 as

the Commanding General, 29th Infantry Division and was responsible for Virginia and Maryland forces organic to the division and served as an advisor on division issues to The Adjutants General of Virginia and Maryland. General Whittington began his military service when he was commissioned in December 1986 as an artillery officer in the Regular Army, through the University of Southern Mississippi, Reserve Officer Training Corps. After commissioning, he served in Germany and as a Field Artillery Instructor at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. During Operation Desert Storm, he served in Kuwait and Irag as a Battery Executive Officer. Since joining the Maryland National Guard in 1993, he has commanded and held staff assignments at the battery, battalion and brigade levels. In March 2007, General Whittington deployed to Camp Victory, Iraq as Deputy Commander, 58th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. In June 2008, he assumed command of the 58th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and oversaw the Brigade's transformation into the 58th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade. General Whittington served as Deputy Commander, 29th Infantry Division from June 2010 to September 2012. From September 2011 to July 2012, Maj. Gen. Whittington deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan where he served on the International Joint Command Staff as Director, Afghan National Security Forces Development / International Security Assistance Force. There he led a joint multicultural team tasked with partnering, developing and implementing key initiatives to facilitate the growth and development of the Afghan National Security Forces.

#### **EDUCATION:**

1986 University of Southern Mississippi, Bachelor of Science, Political Science, University, Mississippi

2009 United States Army War College, Master of Science, Strategic Studies, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania

#### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

- 1. October 1987 March 1988, Student, Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
- 2. March 1988 December 1988, Company Fire Support Officer, 4-67 Armor, Ray Barracks, Friedburg, Germany
- 3. December 1988 December 1989, Executive Officer, Service Battery, 2-82d Field Artillery A (155SP), Ray Barracks, Friedburg, Germany
- 4. December 1989 September 1990, Adjutant, 2-82d Field Artillery Battalion, Ray Barracks, Friedburg, Germany
- 5. September 1990 July 1991, Executive Officer, Battery A, 2-82d Field Artillery, Basara, Iraq
- 6. July 1991 September 1992, Instructor, Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
- 7. September 1992 October 1993, United States Army Reserve Control Group
- 8. October 1993 January 1995, Brigade Targeting Officer, 2-110 Field Artillery Battalion, Pikesville, Maryland
- 9. January 1995 November 1997, Commander, Battery B / 2-110 Field Artillery Battalion, Pikesville, Maryland
- 10. November 1997 July 1998, Plans Officer, 2-110 Field Artillery Battalion, Pikesville
- 11. July 1998 January 2002, Operations Officer, 2-110 Field Artillery Battalion, Pikesville, Maryland
- 12. January 2002 August 2003, Executive Officer, 2-110 Field Artillery Battalion, Pikesville, Maryland
- 13. August 2003 April 2006, Commander, 2-110 Field Artillery Battalion, Pikesville, Maryland
- 14. April 2006 to March 2007, Commander, 291 Army Liaison Team, Laurel, Maryland
- 15. March 2007 May 2008, Deputy Commander, 58th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Camp Victory, Iraq
- 16. June 2008 June 2010, Commander, 58th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Towson, Maryland
- 17. June 2010 September 2012, Deputy Commander, 29th Infantry Division, Towson, Maryland
- 18. October 2012 August 2015, Commander, 29th Infantry Division, Fort Belvoir, Virginia
- 19. August 2015 July 2018, Deputy Commanding General, First Army, Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois
- 20. August 2018 July 2019, Deputy Director, Army National Guard (Acting Director, February 2019 July 2019), Washington D.C.

#### **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Distinguished Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Legion of Merit (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Bronze Star Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Achievement Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Service Stars)

Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Iraqi Campaign Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

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

Army Service Ribbon

Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 3)

North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal

Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia)

**Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)** 

State of Maryland Distinguished Service Cross

Maryland State Outstanding Unit Award

Maryland State Active Duty Medal

Maryland State Service Medal (with 2 Botany Crosses)

Army Meritorious Unit Commendation (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

**Army Superior Unit Award** 

Parachutist Badge

#### **CIVILIAN OCCUPATION:**

Senior Vice President, Pactivevergreen Corporation, Lake Forest, Illinois

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS:

National Guard Association of Maryland 29th Division Association

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant 19 December 1986 First Lieutenant 19 December 1988 Captain 1 May 1992 Major 26 October 1993 Lieutenant Colonel 5 November 2003 Colonel 29 March 2007 Brigadier General 1 October 2010 Major General 7 October 2012

(Current as of July 2019)