

The  
Adjutants  
General

*of New Jersey*  
*1776-present*



## Introduction

The Adjutant General is the top Citizen-Soldier of the state and is responsible for the leadership, direction, and management of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA). DMAVA is the Headquarters for the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard, and the civilian governmental agency responsible for the administration of veterans programs and services within the state. DMAVA provides trained and ready forces prepared for civil and military operations, and to deliver exemplary services to New Jersey veterans.



This booklet introduces the thirty-two individual Citizen-Soldiers who have served as Adjutant General of the great state of New Jersey, from the auspicious year of 1776 to the present day.

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## Colonel William Bott

### 1st Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1776-1793

New Jersey Governor William Livingston wrote from Elizabethtown to the Provincial Congress, July 8, 1776: "If you have not appointed an Adjutant General I should beg leave to recommend to the choice of the Congress Mr. William Bott of Springfield as a Person who would execute that office as well as anyone I can think of, he has been in the Navy, understands the Business and is extremely active & punctual."

The Congress replied July 12, 1776: "You have enclosed a commission for Mr. William Bott as Adjutant General. He continued in office until June 4. 1793, when he resigned. Bott was commissioned a Colonel in the position of Adjutant General and was on the staff of Major General Dickinson during the Revolutionary War.

Prior to his appointment as Adjutant General, an advertisement of "Newark races," to be run October 29, 1771, announced that horses were "to be shown and entered the day before running, with William Bott," from which it may be inferred that he then kept a public house at or near Newark, NJ.

No will of Colonel Bott has been found on record in New Jersey, nor any letters of administration upon his estate. It is not unlikely that he moved from the State about the time of his resignation, perhaps with the settlers then flocking to the "Genessee country" in Central New York, or to Ohio. Records indicate he was born sometime in 1730.

## Brigadier General Anthony Walton White

### 2nd Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1793-1803

Brigadier General Anthony Walton White sprang from an ancient and honorable family in the west of England, which, through six successive generations on the North American continent, was noted in the elder branch for its attachment to military life.

General White was born July 7, 1750, near New Brunswick, New Jersey. As the only son of a family with close ties to New Jersey government, General White was educated under the strict supervision of his father, with the expectation of inheriting large estates. Without any event to distinguish his early life, White quietly pursued his studies and assisted his father until the outbreak of the Revolution. In October 1775, White received his first military appointment as aide to General Washington.



In February 1776, Congress commissioned White as Lieutenant Colonel of the Third Battalion of New Jersey troops, and as commander of the outposts of the Army under Washington, he was actively engaged in service in the northern colonies until 1780. Then, White was appointed commandant of the First Regiment of Cavalry, and shortly afterward was ordered by General Washington to the South to take command of all the cavalry in the Southern army.

At the time of his appointment to Adjutant General of New Jersey in 1793, he moved from New York, where he had resided since the war, to his native New Brunswick. In 1794 he was appointed by President George Washington as General of Cavalry in the expedition against the Western Insurgents. He served as Adjutant General of New Jersey until his death in 1803.

General White was a member of the society of "The Cincinnati," the order of which descended to his heir and grandson, Anthony Walton White Evans, Esq.

## **Mr. John Morgan**

### **3rd Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1803-1804**

Scant surviving records show that Mr. John Morgan, a civilian, was nominated and confirmed as the Adjutant General of New Jersey for a period of one year. Upon his removal, it is believed he moved to Cannonberg, Pennsylvania.

## **Brigadier General Ebenezer Elmer, M.D.**

### **4th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1804**

Physician and surgeon, Soldier and Statesman, Brigadier General Ebenezer Elmer was born in 1752, Cedarville, Cumberland County, New Jersey. He studied medicine with his elder brother, and was about to establish himself in practice when hostilities commenced between the American colonies and Great Britain, and the American Revolution began.

In January 1776, General Elmer was commissioned an Ensign in the company of Continental troops commanded by the Governor Bloomfield. He was promoted to lieutenant in the northern army and served until the spring of 1777, when he was appointed a Surgeon's Mate. In June 1778, he was appointed Surgeon for the 2d Jersey Regiment. It is noted that during the whole period of his career in the army he was never absent from duty, and he served until the end of the war.

After the war General Elmer married and settled in Bridgeton, and resumed his medical practice. In 1789 he was elected a member of Assembly, and was re-elected for several successive years. He was chosen as Speaker of the House in 1791 and 1795.

In 1800, General Elmer was elected to the United States Congress, and re-elected twice thereafter. His term of service there was coincident with the period of President Jefferson's administration, of which he was a supporter. He was Adjutant General of the New Jersey Militia, and for many years Brigadier General of the Cumberland Brigade.

During the war with England in 1813, General Elmer commanded the troops stationed at Billingsport, New Jersey. In the year 1807 and in 1815, he was a member of the Legislative Council of the State, and was chosen Vice-President of that body. He was appointed twice as Collector of the Customs for the Port and District of Bridgeton, serving from 1808-1817 and again from 1822-1832.

At the time of his death, General Elmer served as the President of the New Jersey State Branch of the Order of the Cincinnati, and was the last surviving officer of the New Jersey line of the Revolutionary Army. He died at the age of 91 in Bridgeton, on October 18, 1843.

## **Brigadier General Peter Hunt**

### **5th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1804-1810**

Brigadier General Peter Hunt was born in New Jersey in 1768. He became a wealthy merchant, having a large storehouse at Lambertton, NJ, when it was the depot for the trade of Trenton.

General Hunt was appointed Adjutant General of the State November 29th, 1804. A developer and trustee of the First Presbyterian Church in Trenton, he was also in partnership with Governor William Howell. Hunt and his father-in-law, Moore Furman, deeded land to the state which later became the grounds of the Trenton State Prison.

General Hunt resided in Charleston, South Carolina, during the winter for health reasons. He died there March 11, 1810, at the age of forty-two, and was buried with full military honors. He was the father of Captain William Edgar Hunt, who was lost in the U. S. Sloop of War, *Levant*.

## Brigadier General James J. Wilson

### 6th & 8th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1810-1812 & 1814

“Born to politics” over a 23-year career, the “Great Master” Brigadier General James J. Wilson was a printer-editor, militiaman, surrogate, legislative clerk, member of the New Jersey Assembly, and United States Senator. As manager of New Jersey’s Democratic-Republican Party, Wilson reaped the rewards of the political power he wielded.

In an era when American political parties were new, General Wilson grasped political realities and the uses of party machinery. Like many contemporaries, he pioneered in an unmarked but highly significant political wilderness. From his position as editor of the Jeffersonian Trenton *True American* newspaper, he rose to authority in Hunterdon County after 1801. Later he ranked for nearly a decade as the most potent political figure in Democratic-Republican New Jersey. Early appointments included Surrogate of Hunterdon County, Clerk of the New Jersey Assembly, and printer for the state.

In 1810, General Wilson won a seat in the legislature, his first elected office. He was also appointed to the presidency of the State Bank at Trenton in 1811, and to the post of Adjutant General of the state’s militia. His election to the legislature provided Wilson with direct access to the Republican legislative caucus.

“Wilson sat in the Assembly and held the office of Adjutant General of the Militia at the same time,” noted one Republican in 1812, “in direct violation of the [State] constitution.” Through his legislative position, Wilson can influence that body, and even vote for his own salary as Adjutant General.” He held the position of Adjutant General twice, from 1810-1812 and again in 1814.

Just before his term expired in 1821, General Wilson resigned his seat, pleading financial troubles and ill health. His political allies and friends, succeeded in gaining a federal appointment for Wilson as Postmaster of Trenton, an office that he held until his death. At the same time, Governor Isaac Williamson appointed Wilson Quartermaster General of the New Jersey Militia. These two offices, plus the income from the *True American*, helped to improve the finances of the Wilson family. But having lost his political authority, Wilson was not the same man.

In 1822, in “a temporary delirium,” General Wilson jumped or slipped from a second-story window of his printing office, breaking both legs. Brigadier General Wilson never recovered his health, and died in July 1824 at the age of forty-four.

## **Brigadier General John Beatty, M.D.**

### **7th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1812-1814**

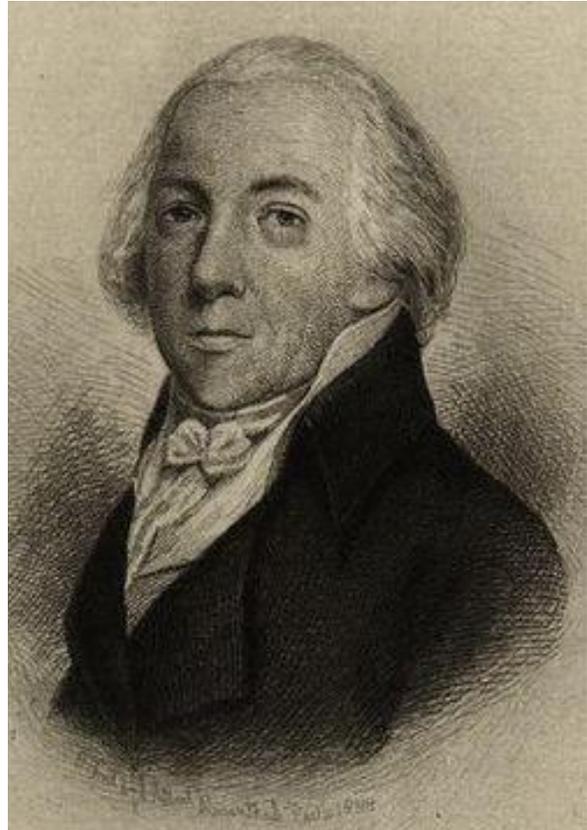
Brigadier General John Beatty was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, 1749. His father was Charles Beatty, a well-known missionary during the pre-revolution era in Neshaminy, Pennsylvania.

General Beatty graduated from Princeton in 1769, and after studying medicine, entered the Army. He attained the rank of lieutenant colonel of the 5th Pennsylvania Battalion, Continental Line. Beatty was captured at Fort Mifflin in October 1776, and suffered a long and rigorous imprisonment. He served as the Commissary General of prisoners from May 28, 1778 until March 31, 1780.

After the Revolutionary War, General Beatty settled in Princeton, NJ as a physician. He became prominent in the State Legislature as the speaker of the House State Assembly. In 1793 he took part in the deliberations and actions in Congress and was praised for his talents as a Statesman, later becoming a member of the Continental Congress from 1784-1785.

General Beatty served as Adjutant General of the Militia from 1812-1814 and also held the position of secretary of the State of New Jersey. For a ten-year period he was president of the Bank of Trenton. Additionally, he was a ruling elder of the Presbyterian Church of Trenton.

General Beatty died in Trenton on April 30, 1826, at the age of 77.



## **Brigadier General Charles Gordon**

### **9th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1814-1816**

Then-Private Charles Gordon began his military career in then-Captain Ebenezer Elmer's 1st Squadron, 2nd Regiment Cavalry during the Pennsylvania Insurrection in 1794. Both men would go on to serve as Adjutants General of New Jersey.

Few other records exist, but according to the "Men and Officers of New Jersey in the War with Great Britain 1812-1815," General Gordon became the Quartermaster General June 24, 1814 and appointed Adjutant General of New Jersey November 29, 1814 after the resignation of Brigadier General John Beatty. He held this position until 1816.

## **Brigadier General Zechariah Rossell**

### **10th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1816-1842**

Brigadier General Zechariah Rossell was born in Mount Holly, NJ, November 17, 1788. He was commissioned a captain in the United States Fifteenth Infantry, March 12, 1812, which was commanded by Colonel Zebulon Montgomery Pike. He was soon promoted to major, December 31, 1812 and served to the end of the War of 1812.

General Rossell was appointed Adjutant General of the State of New Jersey from 1816 to 1842, serving for 26 years. He also served as clerk to the Supreme Court of New Jersey in 1817 until his death in Trenton, July 21, 1842. He was the director of the Trenton City Bridge Co., in 1842, Trenton.

Following the family tradition of military service, General Rossell's son William Trent Rossell became a brigadier general in the U.S. Engineers, U.S. Army.

## Major General Thomas McCall Cadwalader

### 11th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1842-1858

Major General Thomas McCall Cadwalader was born September 11, 1795. He was a graduate of Princeton College and studied law, but did not practice. He owned and resided on the family estate in the western section of Trenton, where Cadwalader Park is named for his family.

General Cadwalader was appointed June 2, 1830, deputy adjutant general, Hunterdon Brigade, New Jersey Militia, and lieutenant colonel and aide-de-camp to Governor Elias Seeley April 10, 1833, and brigadier general and Adjutant General of New Jersey July 30, 1842. He held this position through all changes in politics, until his resignation January 26, 1858.



In 1856, at the request of the governor, General Cadwalader traveled through Europe and submitted a report on the firearms in use there. In March 1858, in pursuance of a special act of the Legislature, he was brevetted major general for long and meritorious services.

General Cadwalader was married December 27, 1831 to Maria C. Kortwright, a sister-in-law of President James Monroe. A founder of Trinity Church in Trenton, General Cadwalader died at Greenwood, October 22, 1873. Both he and his wife are buried in the Friends' Burying Ground, Hanover and Montgomery Streets, Trenton.

## Major General Robert Field Stockton

### 12th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1858-1867

Major General Robert F. Stockton was the son of the Commodore R. F. Stockton, U.S. Navy, and great-grandson of Richard Stockton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He was born at Princeton, January 22, 1832.

General Stockton entered Princeton College and graduated with the class of 1851. He then commenced the study of law, and was admitted to practice as an attorney in 1854. He filled the position of secretary and treasurer of the Belvedere Delaware Railroad Company, general manager of the Plymouth Coal Company, and president of the Delaware and Raritan Canal Company, succeeding his father and holding the office until the company was merged into the United Railroads and Canal Companies of New Jersey. He was also a director of the United Railroads.



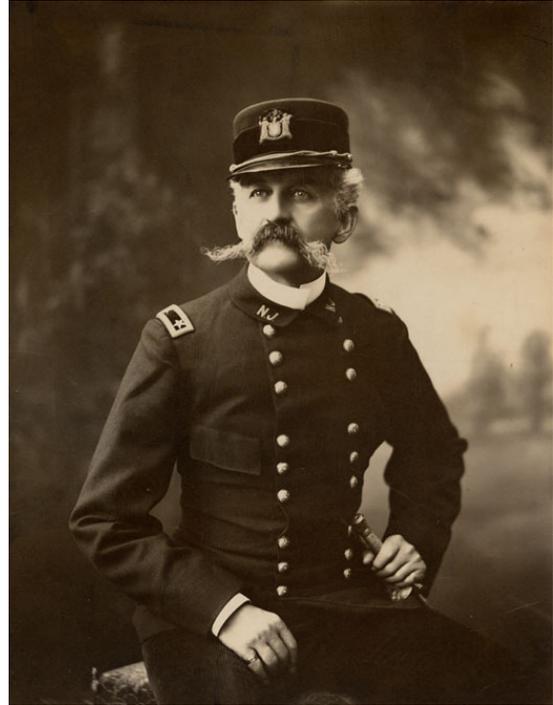
General Stockton was appointed Adjutant General of New Jersey, January 30, 1858, serving with distinction in that position during the Civil War. He resigned April 12, 1867.

In 1867, he was brevetted major general for meritorious services as Adjutant General, and succeeded by General William S. Stryker. General Stockton was elected to State Comptroller in 1877 to 1888, and died in his home in Trenton, May 4, 1898.

## Major General William Scudder Stryker

### 13th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1867-1900

Major General William Stryker was born in Trenton, June 1838. He was descended in the paternal line from Jan Strijcker, one of the earliest Dutch settlers of New Netherlands, in 1652, and on his mother's side from Thomas Scudder, who is mentioned in the annals of Salem, Mass., as early as 1635. For nearly two centuries his ancestors had been identified with New Jersey, and many of his kinsmen had taken a leading part in its affairs. His father, Thomas J. Stryker, was the first Treasurer of Historical Society, holding the office from 1845 until 1848.



By heredity, by environment, and by force of circumstances, General Stryker was interested in the history of his native state, especially in its military annals. He graduated the College of New Jersey at Princeton in 1858, entered upon the study of law and was admitted to the Ohio bar, but never engaged in private practice.

Instead, General Stryker entered the service of his country in response to the first call for troops, and enlisted as a private April 16, 1861. He was appointed major and disbursing officer and quartermaster at Camp Vredenburg, Freehold, July 22, 1862, by the governor of New Jersey and assisted much in organizing the Fourteenth New Jersey Infantry there.

General Stryker was appointed paymaster of United States Volunteers on February 1863, and ordered to Hilton Head, South Carolina. On July 8, 1863, he volunteered as acting aide-de-camp to General Quincy Gillmore and participated in the capture of Morris Island in a night attack on Fort Wagner, and in the siege of Charleston. Due to an illness, he was transferred to the north and assigned to duty as senior paymaster at Columbus, Ohio, at Parole Camp until 1866, when he resigned and returned Trenton.

General Stryker served with conspicuous gallantry throughout the war, retiring in June 1866, with the rank of brevet lieutenant colonel. On April 12, 1867, he was promoted to brigadier general, appointed Adjutant General, and confirmed unanimously. This office he filled with such conspicuous ability that he continued there until his death.

On February 9, 1874, General Stryker was brevetted major general by Governor Joel Parker for long and distinguished military service. He also set about compiling and perfecting the military records of the State, and wrote some of the best and most accurate historical monographs yet issued in America, relating particularly to New Jersey and the battles Trenton, Princeton and Monmouth. He became so interested in the conduct of the Hessians at Trenton that he made a trip to Hesse-Casse, Germany.

In recognition of his scholarly labors in the field of history and literature, General Stryker's alma mater Princeton University conferred the degree of Doctor of Law upon him in 1899. He was made a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society of London, and of the American Geographical Society. He was a member - Honorary, Corresponding or Active - of most of the historical societies in America.

General Stryker was president of the Trenton Battle Monument Association and the Trenton Savings Fund Society. He was a director of the Trenton Banking Company and of the Widows' Home Association; trustee of the First Presbyterian Church, Trenton, and of the Theological Seminary at Princeton. He was president of the New Jersey Society of the Cincinnati and of the New Jersey Historical Society, and a member of the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

General Stryker died at his home in Trenton on October 29, 1900.

## Brigadier General Alexander Coulter Oliphant

### 14th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1900-1902

Brigadier General Alexander C. Oliphant was born in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. He attended the schools of Uniontown and Pottstown, Pennsylvania, and in 1877 entered the Naval Academy, from which he was graduated in 1881. He accompanied his parents to Princeton and later to Trenton, New Jersey, and was connected with the United Globe Rubber Company of Trenton, and became a director in the Trenton Malleable Iron Company.

General Oliphant was a volunteer in Company A, Seventh Infantry Regiment, National Guard of New Jersey, enrolled July 6, 1877 and discharged August 10, 1877. He was a cadet at United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, September 12, 1877.



As a midshipman in the United States Navy, General Oliphant was assigned in June 1881 to the United States steamship *Lancaster*, flagship of the European Squadron. He landed with the naval force to repulse an anticipated attack on Alexandria by Egyptian rebels, July 1882.

General Oliphant was honorably discharged on June 30, 1883. He became major of engineers, staff of Second Brigade, National Guard, New Jersey, July 23, 1886; later colonel and inspector, staff of division, March 5, 1893. He was detailed as acting aide-de-camp to the staff of Governor Foster M. Voorhees, April 30, 1898; and colonel and Assistant Adjutant General of New Jersey, January 21, 1899.

General Oliphant was appointed Adjutant General of New Jersey on November 1, 1900. He was a member of the Army and Navy Club in Washington, D.C., and the Lawyers' Club in New York City.

General Oliphant died in Trenton, October 23, 1904 at the age of 80.

# Brigadier General Reginald Heber Breintnall

## 15th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1902-1909

Brigadier General Reginald H. Breintnall was born in Philadelphia, August 18, 1843. In 1847 his family moved to Newark. He was educated at the Newark Academy.

General Breintnall was appointed as a corporal, Company D, New Jersey Volunteer Militia, Pennsylvania Emergency, in the Civil War, on June 23, 1863, and was discharged August 1 of the same year at the expiration of his term of service. On September 30, 1864, he became a private in Company K, Thirty-ninth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers. He was appointed regimental quartermaster-sergeant, October 11, 1864, and discharged June 12, 1865, at the close of the war.



In February 1867, General Breintnall enlisted in the First Veteran Regiment, Newark Brigade, and received a warrant as commissary sergeant. He served in that capacity until August 10, 1881, when he was commissioned as captain and inspector of rifle practice of the First Regiment, National Guard. He held that position until January 6, 1886, when he was selected as a major.

General Breintnall was commissioned April 27, 1898 as a lieutenant colonel in the First Infantry Regiment, New Jersey National Guard Volunteers, serving in the Spanish-American War. He was promoted to colonel May 28, 1902, later commissioned as brigadier general and selected as Adjutant General, September 31, 1902, after the death of Brigadier General Alexander C. Oliphant.

An expert rifleman, the records of the office of the Inspector-General of Rifle Practice show that General Breintnall qualified twenty-four times at Sea Girt as a marksman, fourteen times as a sharpshooter, and four times as an expert.

General Breintnall died on July 3, 1925 at the age of 82 and was buried at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Newark.

## **Brigadier General Wilbur Fisk Sadler Jr.**

### **16th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1909-1916**

Brigadier General Wilbur Fisk Sadler Jr. traces his ancestry to the Sadlers of Herefordshire, England. Of this family was Sir Ralph Sadler, born in 1537, who died in Standon, England, 1607. He was the last gentleman who was knighted on the field, in which he seized and captured the Royal Standard of Scotland in the Battle of Pinkie. Sir Ralph was in the service of King Henry VIII, and at the time of his death was ambassador during negotiations between England and Scotland.

Ralph Sadler, the founder of the Sadler family in America, was a grandson of Sir Ralph Sadler, and was born in Standon, Herefordshire. He migrated to North America in the seventeenth century, and settled in or near Boston, Massachusetts. Ralph Sadler subsequently received a grant land in the Colony of Pennsylvania. The family estate, in Adams County, Pennsylvania, passed to Josiah Sadler, the grandfather of Wilbur Sadler, Jr.

General Sadler was born in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, November 4, 1871, was educated in the schools of Carlisle and Lawrenceville, New Jersey, and graduated from Dickinson College, Carlisle, 1890. Shortly after he became interested in the building of street railroads, or trolleys, in Schuylkill County and other sections of Pennsylvania. In 1898 Sadler arrived in Trenton and was instrumental in building and developing local trolley roads. He was director and afterwards president of the Broad Street Bank.

In 1907 General Sadler was made President of the Trenton Chamber of Commerce. He was a Mason, and a Republican in politics. He served as secretary of the Mercer County Automobile Club, which he helped to form. He was President of the New Jersey State Automobile Club, and represented the state organization before the legislature for two years, which helped prevent the passing of drastic laws against automobiles and their use.

Governor John Franklin Fort appointed General Sadler as Adjutant General in 1909, a position which he held until his death November 10, 1916. The development of Stacy Park and the restoration of the Old Barracks were projects which were undertaken and completed largely through his efforts.

## **Brigadier General Charles V. Barber**

### **17th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1916-1917**

Brigadier General Charles Barber was born near Woodbury, New Jersey, on September 21, 1872. He attended New Jersey public schools and graduated from Pierce Business College in Philadelphia. At various times he was in the employment of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company's transportation department in Philadelphia, G. G. Green of Woodbury, the Electric Storage Battery Company of Philadelphia, and the Hon. S. H. Grey, a former Attorney General of New Jersey, under whom he was a clerk and law student.

General Barber served as a private in the National Guard of New Jersey from May 31, 1890, until October 11, 1899. He was promoted to corporal and then second lieutenant of Company B, 6th Regiment, 4th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, and later Company I, 3d Regiment. He voluntarily resigned in October 1899, on his departure for the Philippine Islands with the 28th U.S. Volunteers.

General Barber was commissioned first lieutenant of the 28th U.S. Volunteer Infantry and served during all its Philippine expeditions until mustered out in May 1901. He was commissioned again in the Regular Army the following July, and served one year in the Philippine Islands. He returned 1906 to 1908. Barber served in all grades until he reached the rank of major.

General Barber was detailed on detached service with the Isthmian Canal Commission and was assigned to duty with the Department of Civil Administration. His Panama service extended from 1909 to 1915. Barber retired from active service on September 1, 1916, and was appointed Adjutant General of New Jersey in December 1916 by Governor Fielder, and by Governor Walter Edge in January 1917, as a successor to Brigadier General Wilbur Fisk Sadler, Jr. who died November 10, 1916. He held this position until 1917.

General Barber was placed back on active duty during World War I, commanding the 29th Division July 28-August 25, 1917. He then commanded the 57th Infantry Brigade at Camp McClellan, Anniston, Alabama. On September 11, 1917 he commanded the 57th Infantry in the front sectors and was chief of staff at the number two base sector in Bordeaux, France. He was a general staff officer of the American Expeditionary Force, June 1918-July 1919, and retired June 21, 1930. He resided in Short Hills and died 1943.

## Brigadier General Frederick Gilkyson

### 18th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1917-1932

Brigadier General Frederick Gilkyson was born in Yardley, Pennsylvania, on December 1, 1868. He was the son of Colonel Stephen R. Gilkyson, who commanded the 6th Infantry Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers in the Civil War.

General Gilkyson was educated in the Trenton public schools, and entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in 1884, resigning in 1905 to accept the office of Vice President and General Manager of the Bellmark Pottery Company, Trenton.

General Gilkyson entered the National Guard of the State as a private in Company A, 7th Regiment, March 2, 1886. He was commissioned battalion adjutant, July 9, 1894, and subsequently served as adjutant, 2d Regiment.

During the Spanish-American War, Colonel Gilkyson served as Battalion Adjutant, 4th Regiment, New Jersey National Guard Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged April 6, 1899. Upon the declaration of war on April 6, 1917, Gilkyson was detailed to duty in the Adjutant General's Office, and assigned as chief of the Bureau of Enrollment in charge of the operation of the Selective Service Law.

General Gilkyson was appointed Acting Adjutant General July 26, 1917, and subsequently confirmed as Adjutant General. He served as a State Service Officer, the duties of which were to assist veterans of all wars in securing pensions and other needs to which they were entitled under federal law.

General Gilkyson died on October 29, 1932 in Trenton at the age of 63.



## Brigadier General William A. Higgins

### 19th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1932-1941

Brigadier General William A. Higgins was born in Jersey City, August 8, 1878. He was educated in the public schools of his native city and as a young man was engaged in the theatrical business. He enlisted April 6, 1898, as a private in Company C, 4th Regiment, New Jersey National Guard, becoming a corporal in 1900 and a sergeant in 1901.

General Higgins was promoted to second lieutenant, February 2, 1904, then to first lieutenant in 1905, and to captain in 1906. He became a major in the 4th Infantry, July 14, 1913. Higgins saw service on the Mexican Border from June 25, 1916, to October 13, 1916, commanding 2nd Battalion, 4th New Jersey Infantry, when he was mustered out of the Federal service and resumed his status in the National Guard.

General Higgins served in World War I, being mustered into the federal service April 12, 1917, commanding 3rd Battalion, 118th Infantry, 29th Division. He was discharged April 20, 1918.

General Higgins reentered service June 23, 1922, in the 113th Infantry, New Jersey National Guard, and was detailed as aide-de-camp to Governor Moore February 1, 1926, and February 11, 1932.

General Higgins was appointed brigadier general and Adjutant General of New Jersey on December 6, 1932 by Governor A. Harry Moore, and held that position until his death in 1941 at the age of 63.



## Colonel Edgar N. Bloomer

### 20th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1941-1942

Colonel Edgar N. Bloomer was born in West Orange, on July 27, 1896. He received his early education in the public schools at Orange, and then attended business school.

Colonel Bloomer enlisted as a private in the New Jersey National Guard on March 10, 1914, and was promoted to corporal while serving on the Mexican border in June 1916 with Company K of the 5th New Jersey Infantry. The unit mustered out of federal service in Montclair on November 11, 1916.

Colonel Bloomer was appointed supply sergeant on February 2, 1917. During World War I, he was mustered into federal service on March 25, 1917, again with Company K, 5th New Jersey Infantry, National Guard. This unit was redesignated Company B, 114th Infantry, on October 12, 1917.



Colonel Bloomer served overseas from May 1918 to the end of the war in the Defense Sector, Haute Alsace, and northwest of Verdun, where he was awarded the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged at Camp Dix in the New Jersey Pinelands on February 20, 1919.

Colonel Bloomer returned to service on June 25, 1920, enlisting yet again as a private in Troop F, 1st Squadron, Cavalry, New Jersey National Guard, in Orange. He was promoted to sergeant on February 7, 1921, and was appointed supply sergeant on February 7, 1921. The 1st Squadron was re-designated the 102d "Essex Troop" Cavalry on August 7, 1921. Bloomer was appointed first sergeant on August 4, 1922 and transferred to Headquarters Troop on April 2, 1923. He was promoted again to master sergeant (regimental sergeant major) on April 2, 1923.

After ascending the noncommissioned officer ranks, Colonel Bloomer received his commission in the cavalry as second lieutenant, Service Troop, and assigned

to duty as assistant adjutant, May 29, 1925. He was promoted to first lieutenant on July 1, 1925. His subsequent assignments included the following:

- March 15, 1929, adjutant of Headquarters, 102d Cavalry
- May 16, 1929, promotion to captain
- June 12, 1937, brigade executive officer, 59th Cavalry Brigade
- July 1, 1937, promotion to major
- August 1, 1939, Chief of the War Records Division
- November 9, 1939, Promotion to lieutenant colonel
- September 16, 1940, Chief, Inspection Division, Selective Service
- February 1, 1941, appointment as acting deputy adjutant general
- October 1, 1942, promotion to colonel

Following the death of Brigadier General William A. Higgins in 1942, Colonel Bloomer served as acting Adjutant General of New Jersey until Brigadier General James I. Bowers was appointed Adjutant General in 1942.

Befitting a cavalry officer, horsemanship and polo were Colonel Bloomer's major hobbies. He died October 1952 in West Orange.

## Brigadier General James Isaiah Bowers

### 21st Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1942-1947

General James I. Bowers was born in Far Hills, Somerset County, December 21, 1897, and is descended from a family that came originally from Germany. A great-great-grandfather of General Bowers was Captain James Weber Lent, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, whose son and namesake, Lieutenant James Weber Lent, served in the War of 1812.

General Bowers attended school in Somerset County and, following his graduation, spent a year in preparation for a law course, matriculating in then-New Jersey Law School, Newark University, now Rutgers University in the fall of 1916. He graduated with the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1919, was admitted to practice as an attorney in February 1923, and became a senior partner of the firm Bowers and Rinehart in Somerville.



General Bowers was an active participant in the public affairs of his community and home state. He served as secretary of the Somerset County Board of Taxation from May 1920 to October 1922. On April 6, 1925, he was appointed prosecutor of the pleas by Governor George S. Silzer, remaining in the office until March 24, 1926. Bowers then resigned and was appointed judge of the District Court of the First Judicial District of Somerset County by Governor A. Harry Moore, occupying the bench until March 24, 1931. His appointment as Supreme Court Commissioner came to him September 22, 1927, and that of Master in Chancery, January 27, 1928. On October 15, 1928, Bowers was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States.

In addition to his legal career, General Bowers served in the United States Army during the First World War and formerly held a commission as captain of field artillery, Reserve Officers Training Corps. On April 1, 1933, he was

commissioned a major in the field artillery of the New Jersey National Guard and was appointed aide-de-camp by Governor Moore, who on March 6, 1934, promoted him to the rank of lieutenant colonel and reassigned him to his staff as aide-de-camp.

In February 1937, General Bowers was appointed inspector general of the state staff of the New Jersey National Guard with the rank of lieutenant colonel. On February 3, 1938, Governor Moore once more appointed him aide-de-camp.

General Bowers served as commander of Bernardsville Post, No. 248, of the American Legion and also belonged to John R. Stevenson Post, No. 12, at Somerville. He was a president of the New Jersey Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Politically, General Bowers had the distinction of being the first Democrat elected to the General Assembly from his district in eighteen years. His election in 1932 was followed by reelection in 1933 and 1934. In November 1935, he was elected State Senator, being the first Democrat to represent Somerset County in the Senate in thirty-two years. He was again the popular choice for the office and in November 1938, being the first Democrat ever re-elected to the Senate in Somerset County.

On February 9, 1942, General Bowers was appointed brigadier general and Adjutant General by Governor Charles Edison, unanimously confirmed the same day by the Senate, and was sworn into office February 13, 1942.

On February 4, 1947, General Bowers signed a desegregation order uniting the First Separate Battalion of African-American soldiers with the rest of the New Jersey National Guard. This was the first American armed services component in the country to do so.

General Bowers was appointed by Governor Alfred Driscoll as a member of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission on June 28, 1948, and was re-appointed on the 29th of June 1953.

General Bowers died February 1982 in Somerville at the age of 85.

## Major General Clifford Ross Powell

### 22nd Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1947-1948

Major General Clifford Ross Powell was born in Lumberton, Burlington County, July 26, 1898, and received his education at Mount Holly High School.

General Powell enlisted in the 3rd NJ Infantry on February 8, 1915. During World War I, Powell transferred from the 29th Division to the Air Service and served in six major operations with the French 9th Bombardment Group. On June 1, 1918, Powell was shot down and severely wounded in aerial combat. His flight record shows the destruction of two enemy planes and numerous successful bombing raids. His decorations include the Purple Heart, French Croix de Guerre and New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal.



General Powell served during World War II initially as Commanding General, 44th Division, and overseas as Chief of Psychological Warfare, 12th U. S. Army Group. His decorations included the American Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star and the Commendation Ribbon and the highest awards from the governments of France, Belgium, Italy, Poland and Luxembourg.

In addition to his military career, General Powell served six terms in the Assembly. He was elected to the State Senate from Burlington County in November 1927, and was reelected in 1930, 1933 and 1936. He was Majority Leader at the 1933 session and was made President of the Senate at the 1934 session, and President, pro tem, at the 1930 and 1937 sessions of the Legislature. He also twice served as Acting Governor. Powell resigned from the Senate to take command of the National Guard of New Jersey, on June 20, 1939.

General Powell was appointed under the new title of Chief of Staff of New Jersey from 1947 to 1948. This change came with the reorganization of the National Guard structure within the U.S. Army, but the title reverted back to Adjutant General in 1984. Powell died March 1974 in Vincentown, Burlington County.

## Major General Edward C. Rose

### 23rd Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1948-1954

Major General Edward C. Rose was born in Trenton on December 2, 1892. He had an active career in both business and military affairs and a distinguished record in both World Wars.

In World War I, General Rose served with the American Expeditionary Force in France on the staff of the Field Artillery Brigade of the 35th Division. After the war he was appointed to the staff of Major General Quincy A. Gillmore (grandson and namesake of the Civil War general), commander of the 44th Division, New Jersey National Guard. Rose served in various capacities until he took command of the 112th Field Artillery



Regiment in 1929. Ten years later, General Rose became the commanding general of the 69th Field Artillery Brigade, which he commanded when ordered into federal service with the 44th Division in 1940. At his own request Rose was relieved from Federal service after his year of active training.

In 1942 General Rose re-entered federal service and was ordered overseas to India as a Colonel of Field Artillery, where he served under General Joseph L. Stillwell, Lord Louis Mountbatten and General Daniel I. Sultan. Rose was promoted to brigadier general in India in February 1945, and returned to the United States where he was separated from service in December 1945. Rose was mentioned in the King's dispatches (British), and was awarded the United States Distinguished Service Medal and Legion of Merit.

General Rose was a former president of the First Mechanics National Bank and the Old First National Bank of Trenton, and served as a vice-president of the Public Service Corporation from 1932 to 1951. Rose commanded Combat Command "A" of the State's 50th Armored Division from the time of its activation in 1946, until he was appointed by Governor Alfred Driscoll as major general and Chief of Staff (Adjutant General) of New Jersey, on June 1, 1948, which he held until 1954. General Rose died September 1973 at Sea Girt.

## Major General James F. Cantwell

### 24th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1954-1970

Major General James F. Cantwell was born in Trenton, New Jersey on June 24, 1918. He attended public high school in Trenton and the University of Pennsylvania where he graduated in 1932. Cantwell conducted his military education at the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill (1941); the Armor School, Fort Knox (1949 and 1952); U. S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth (1950); and U.S. Air Force Air-Ground Operations, Southern Pines (1953).



General Cantwell enlisted in the New Jersey National Guard in 1939. He was commissioned the following year and promoted to first lieutenant in the 112th Field Artillery Regiment prior to World War II. While in federal service he progressed through the commissioned officer ranks and in 1945 received a battlefield promotion to lieutenant colonel.

In World War II, General Cantwell served in the European Theater commanding the 695th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, formerly First Battalion of the 112th Field Artillery Regiment, New Jersey National Guard. He commanded the battalion until the war's end and participated in combat operations in the Normandy, Central Europe, Northern France, and the Rhineland in the Ardennes Campaigns. The battalion received the Presidential Unit Citation for action at Mazieres-le-Metz, France. General Cantwell was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal, Croix-de-Guerre (France) with Gold Star, and five battle stars for his European Theater Campaign Medal.

Upon the reorganization of the post-World War II National Guard in New Jersey, General Cantwell was charged with the command and organization of the newly created 50th Armored Division Artillery. He was promoted to colonel in 1947 and to brigadier general in 1953. He was appointed the Chief of Staff (Adjutant General) November 15, 1954 and served for 16 years, until 1970.

General Cantwell died in May 1983, in Trenton.

## Major General William R. Sharp

### 25th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1970-1974

Major General William R. Sharp was born in Lawrence Township on January 6, 1921, and was educated there and at Trenton High School. He enlisted in Battery F, 112th Field Artillery Regiment, New Jersey National Guard on October 4, 1939. On January 6, 1941, General Sharp transferred to the 102d Cavalry Regiment and was inducted into federal service for World War II.

General Sharp served in the enlisted ranks in various assignments. On May 1942 he was enrolled in the Cavalry School Officer Class No. 7, from which he was graduated as an honor student in August 1942. Assigned as a second lieutenant in the 102d Cavalry as a platoon leader, Sharp was sent overseas in September 1942 to the European Theater of Operations.



Promoted to first lieutenant in January 1943, General Sharp became a troop executive officer, and then troop commander in Omaha Beach, Normandy. In December 1944, he received a battlefield promotion to major. For his wartime service, Sharp was awarded the Bronze Star Medal; Croix de Guerre with Palm (France); European Theater Ribbon with six battle stars and bronze arrowhead for the Normandy invasion. Subsequent awards include the Legion of Merit.

Following his release from the active service of World War II, General Sharp returned to the Adjutant General's office in October 1945 as the organization and training officer, a position he held until January 31, 1968. With the Army's reorganization of 1968, he was promoted to assistant Chief of Staff, Army on February 1, 1968. Major General Sharp was appointed the Chief of Staff (Adjutant General) of New Jersey by Governor William Cahill, and confirmed by the State Senate on April 23, 1970.

General Sharp died in 1983 at the age of 62 and is interred at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

## Major General Wilfred C. Menard Jr.

### 26th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1974-1982

Major General Wilfred C. Menard was born in Trenton, November 10, 1918. He was a graduate of Cathedral High School in Trenton and Rider College in Lawrenceville. Menard enlisted in the United States Army in 1941 and served until released as a captain of infantry in 1945. He was recalled to active duty in 1961 as a lieutenant colonel during the Berlin Crisis.

General Menard joined the New Jersey National Guard in 1946. His command assignments include the 4th Rocket Howitzer Battalion and the 112th Field Artillery Group. He was promoted to brigadier general as deputy chief of staff in 1969. General Menard was appointed Chief of Staff (Adjutant General) of New Jersey by Governor Brendan T. Byrne in March 1974, and nominated for the rank of major general.



In his civilian career, General Menard held various executive positions in accounting and sales in the floor covering industry from 1946 to 1955. In 1955 he entered public employment as the finance officer for the New Jersey Department of Defense.

General Menard served as president of the Board of Helene Fuld Medical Center and the Executive Board Committee of George Washington Boy Scout Council. His memberships included the Kiwanis Club of Trenton, the American Legion, the Adjutants General Association of the United States, the National Guard Association of the United States, the Army and Air National Guard Association of New Jersey, the United States Army Reserve Forces Policy Board, and the Delaware Valley United Way Board of Directors.

General Menard died February 20, 2012 in Trenton.

## Major General Francis R. Gerard

### 27th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1982-1990

Major General Francis Gerard was born in Belleville on July 11, 1924, and graduated from Lyndhurst High School in 1941. He became an ace fighter pilot with the 8th Air Force in World War II.

In October 1942, General Gerard enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps at 18 and on January 1, 1943, entered the Aviation Cadet Program. On August 30 of that year, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant and received his pilot's rating at Craig Field, Selma, Alabama.

During World War II, General Gerard flew the P-51 Mustang and completed two combat tours. By the end of the war and before he was 21, he had logged 420 combat hours in 91 missions. During a mission over Annaberg, Germany on Sept. 11, 1944, Gerard fought and shot down four German fighters and damaged another fighter in a furious 12 minute dogfight that confirmed his ace status. By the end of the war, he shot down a total of eight aircraft, which earned him the Silver Star.

General Gerard joined the New Jersey Air National Guard in April 1947. During his career, Gerard was recalled to active duty twice. The first was during the Korean War where he commanded a fighter squadron with Strategic Air Command and then with Tactical Air Command. The second call-up was for the Berlin Crisis in 1961-62. In that same period, Gerard served as the Director of Operations for the 108th Tactical Fighter Wing. He later became the wing commander in 1971. From 1976 to 1979, he served as the Special Assistant to the Commander of Strategic Air Command. Following that assignment, Gerard served as the Commander of the New Jersey Air National Guard, which he held until 1982 when Governor Thomas H. Kean nominated him as the Chief of Staff for New Jersey. The title reverted to The Adjutant General in 1984.



Major General Gerard's military awards and decorations include the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 11 oak leaf clusters, European-African-Middle East Campaign Medal with six battle stars, National Defense Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award, Secretary of Defense Identification Badge and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. In 1983, Governor Kean awarded him with the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal.

In his civilian career, General Gerard attended Lafayette College and received his certificate from John Marshall Law College in 1949. He was admitted to the New Jersey bar that year. He served as acting magistrate in Lyndhurst from 1949 to 1951, and was Lyndhurst's chief tax assessor during that period. Except for periods of active military duty, Gerard served as New Jersey Director of Aeronautics from 1961 to 1978.

General Gerard died November 1, 2008, at his home in Point Pleasant, NJ, and is interred at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Burlington County.

## Major General Vito Morgano

### 28th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1990-1994

Major General Vito Morgano was born in New York City on May 7, 1936. He attended Long Branch High School in Long Branch and enlisted in the New Jersey National Guard on his 17th birthday in 1953. He earned a Bachelor of Science from State University of New York.

General Morgano attended noncommissioned officer course in 1955 and was on active duty at Fort Knox, Ky., from 1955 to 1957. He was executive officer of the 2nd Battalion, 114th Infantry, in the Army National Guard from 1975 to 1979, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry, from 1979 to 1981, and commander of the 50th Armored Division Support Command from 1983 to 1987.

Morgano became assistant commander of the 50th Armored Division in 1988. He was promoted from colonel to brigadier general in 1988 and to major general in 1990.

In his civilian career, General Morgano was an independent agent for the Prudential Insurance Company prior to his appointment to the full-time cabinet post. He was a Republican member of the West Long Branch Borough Council.

During General Morgano's tenure as The Adjutant General, four units of the New Jersey National Guard were mobilized for active service in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. The overwhelming logistical success of the 100-hour-long conflict set into motion the transformation of the National Guard from a strategic reserve into an operational force.

General Morgano died on November 26, 2017, and was buried in West Long Branch, Monmouth County.



## Major General Paul J. Glazar

### 29th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 1994-2002

Major General Paul J. Glazar was born on March 24, 1947 in Newark, and enlisted in the New Jersey Army National Guard in 1966. Upon graduation from Montclair State College in 1968 he was commissioned a second lieutenant, and promoted to captain and assigned as a field artillery battery commander in 1972.

General Glazar received new assignments upon his promotion to major in 1978, and to lieutenant colonel in 1984. He became commander of the 4th Battalion, 112th Field Artillery, in 1986, and assumed the position of assistant commandant of the High Technology Training Center at Fort Dix in 1987. On January 1, 1989, he was promoted to colonel and named commandant of the center.



In 1994, General Glazar was nominated by Governor Christine Todd Whitman as Adjutant General. He was confirmed by the Senate as the 29th Adjutant General on February 24, 1994 and sworn to office on April 4, 1994. He was federally recognized as a major general in 1998. His military education includes the U.S. Army Field Artillery Officers Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff College, Senior Commander and Officer Management Course, and the U.S. Army War College.

In his civilian career, General Glazar was an industrial technology instructor for the Union Township Board of Education from 1968 to 1987. He also served as the Emergency Management Coordinator for Bethlehem Township.

General Glazar served as the Vice President of the Adjutants General Association of the United States (AGAUS) and the Chairman of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemorative Committee. He was instrumental in the revitalization of the National Guard history program within the State of New Jersey.

During General Glazar's tenure as The Adjutant General, the New Jersey National Guard faced the ultimate test of its personnel and resources during and after the attacks of September 11, 2001. Among countless other contributions by Army and Air elements, individual Guardsmen and those serving in their civilian law enforcement and emergency management roles, the state's military response included the following missions:

- 177th Fighter Wing; combat air patrol (CAP) operations, in support of North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) air sovereignty missions
- 108th Air Refueling Wing; CAP air refueling, Ground Zero logistics support
- 57th Troop Command; Task Force Respect Life logistics support at Fresh Kills Landfill, Staten Island, NY
- 42nd Military Police Company; security augmentation at Fort Dix, NJ
- 1-150th Aviation Battalion; Ground Zero support
- 42nd Division Support Command; assisted consolidation and distribution of more than 4,000 tons of donated materiel, Military Ocean Terminal, Bayonne, NJ
- More than 150 Soldiers; provided security augmentation to Newark, Mercer County, and Atlantic City airports
- More than 200 Soldiers; "Bridges and Tunnels" mission provided security augmentation to Port Authority facilities in New Jersey, including the George Washington Bridge, Lincoln Tunnel, Holland Tunnel, and PATH train locations
- More than 75 Soldiers; provided security augmentation at Salem and Oyster Creek nuclear facilities

Additionally, nearly 95% of the New Jersey Air National Guard's 2,400 Airmen answered the call to support Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

## Major General Glenn K. Rieth

### 30th Adjutant General of New Jersey, 2002-2011

Major General Glenn K. Rieth was born on November 27, 1957, in Livingston, New Jersey. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from The Citadel Military College of South Carolina in 1980, where he was a distinguished military graduate. Rieth received his commission as a second lieutenant through the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps on May 17, 1980.

General Rieth earned his pilot's wings at Fort Rucker, Alabama on July 24, 1981, and was subsequently assigned to the Aero Recon, Air Cavalry Troop, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas, as a platoon leader and assistant S-3. After being promoted to captain, he was assigned as commander of the Aero Recon, Air Cavalry Troop, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas, from June 1984 to June 1985. In June 1985, Rieth left active duty to join the New Jersey Army National Guard.



General Rieth's subsequent assignments and promotions include the following:

- June 1985, aviation brigade safety officer and flight instructor for the 50th Armored Division
- November 1987, operations officer for the 1st Battalion, 150th Aviation, at Trenton-Mercer Airport
- September 1988, promotion to major
- March 1990 to October 1992, air operations officer, Headquarters, 50th Armored Division, Somerset
- November 1992, commander, 1st Battalion, 150th Aviation and the Army Aviation Support Facility No. 1 at Trenton-Mercer Airport.
- November 1993, promotion to lieutenant colonel
- October 1995, commander, Recruiting and Retention Battalion
- February 17, 1999, promotion to colonel and assigned as the Director of the State Army Aviation Office

General Rieth was confirmed by the Senate as the 30th Adjutant General of New Jersey on March 4, 2002. He was promoted to major general on July 23, 2004.

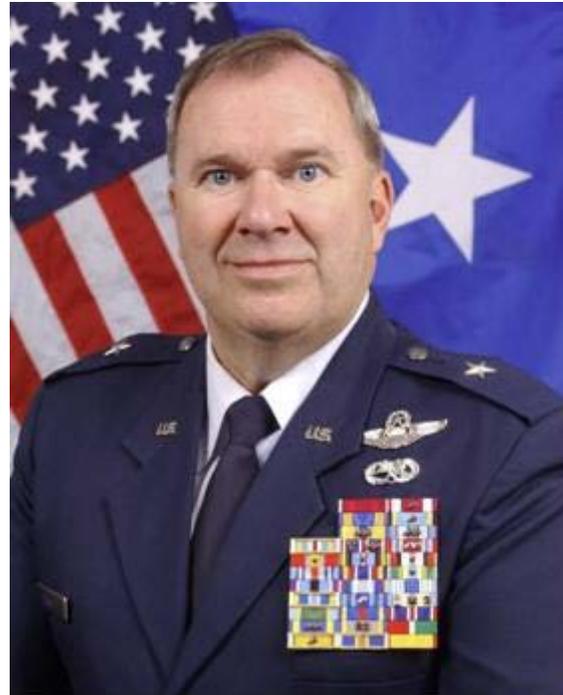
General Rieth logged more than 3,000 flight hours. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters (OLCs); Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal with one OLC; Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Army Aviation Order of Saint Michael; Master Army Aviator Badge; Parachutist Badge (Airborne); New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal; New Jersey Medal of Honor; New Jersey Merit Award; and the New Jersey Desert Storm Ribbon.

During General Rieth's tenure as The Adjutant General, the New Jersey National Guard deployed numerous times in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Notably, more than 3,000 Soldiers of the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team deployed to Iraq in 2008-2009 as part of the state's largest mobilization since World War II.

## **Brigadier General Michael L. Cunniff**

### **31st Adjutant General of New Jersey, 2011-2018**

Brigadier General Michael L. Cunniff graduated from New Jersey Institute of Technology with a bachelor of science in industrial engineering in 1981. He entered the United States Air Force in July 1982, and was commissioned through the Academy of Military Science in October 1983. He received his pilot's wings at Columbus Air Force Base, Columbus, Mississippi, in 1983. Cunniff has served in many contingency operations including Operations Northern Watch, Joint Forge, Allied Force, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.



General Cunniff's previous commands include the 108th Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey and the 150th Air Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, 405th Air Expeditionary Wing, Thumrait Air Base, Oman. In 1999, Cunniff also served as the commander of the 385th Air Expeditionary Group, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, and the 622nd Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, Air Expeditionary Group, Istres, France.

General Cunniff commanded the 108th Operations Group, McGuire Air Force Base, Wrightstown, New Jersey, from April 2001 - September 2003, whereupon he took command of the 108th Wing. He was promoted to brigadier general on August 1, 2007. Cunniff served as wing commander until December 2011, when he was appointed Acting Adjutant General of New Jersey. He continued to serve as Adjutant General until his retirement in January 2018.

General Cunniff logged more than 5,000 flight hours and was rated as a command pilot. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with one bronze oak leaf cluster, and the Humanitarian Service Medal. He is a member of the National Guard Association of the United States, the National Guard Association of New Jersey, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

During his tenure as The Adjutant General, a late season hurricane made landfall in New Jersey on October 29, 2012, followed by a powerful nor'easter. The combination would subsequently be dubbed "Superstorm Sandy" and resulted in more than \$30 billion in damage, including 2 million power outages and at least 37 fatalities.

More than 2,300 Soldiers and Airmen were activated for disaster response, with hundreds remaining on state active duty for several months. They were awarded the Humanitarian Service Medal in 2016.

## Major General Jemal J. Beale

### 32nd Adjutant General of New Jersey, 2018-2020

Major General Jemal J. Beale became Acting Adjutant General in January 2018. He was confirmed by the New Jersey Senate on February 8, 2018 as the first African-American Adjutant General of New Jersey.

General Beale commands more than 8,400 Soldiers and Airmen of the New Jersey National Guard. As a member of Governor Philip D. Murphy's cabinet, he directs the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs in the execution of federal and state missions. Additionally, he manages all state veterans' programs, commissions and facilities in New Jersey.



General Beale enlisted in 1987 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1990 after completing the Early Commissioning Program at Seton Hall University. He holds degrees from Kean University in history (Bachelor of Arts, 1992) and public administration (MPA, 1995), and is a graduate of the United States Army War College (Master of Strategic Studies, 2017). Beale has served throughout the continental United States, as well as overseas in Afghanistan, Albania, Germany, and Italy.

General Beale's previous assignments and promotions include the following:

- May 5, 1990, promotion to second lieutenant
- 1990, platoon leader, Co. A, 250th Forward Support Battalion (FSB), Sea Girt, New Jersey
- 1991, platoon leader, Co. B, 250th FSB, Sea Girt
- May 30, 1993, promotion to first lieutenant
- 1994, shop officer, Co. B, 250th FSB, Bordentown, New Jersey
- 1995, acting company commander, Co. B, 250th FSB, Bordentown
- 1996, company commander, Co. B, 250th FSB, Bordentown
- June 23, 1997, promotion to captain
- 1999-2000, S1/adjutant, Headquarters Co., 250th FSB, Sea Girt

- 2000-2002, commander/S1, Headquarters Co., 250th FSB, Sea Girt
- October 15, 2002, promotion to major
- 2002-2003, detailed inspector general (Joint), Headquarters, State Area Command (STARC), Fort Dix, New Jersey
- 2003, acting inspector general, STARC, Fort Dix
- 2003-2004, chief investigator, Joint Forces Headquarters (JFHQ)
- 2004-2005, inspector general, JFHQ, Fort Dix
- 2005-2006, adjutant/S1, 57th Troop Command, Atlantic City
- 2006-2007, adjutant, 57th Troop Command, Atlantic City, New Jersey
- 2007, logistics officer, New Jersey Army National Guard Mechanized BN Training Team 1, Fort Dix
- 2007-2008, executive officer, Border Police Mentor Team (PMT) (Joint), Herat, Afghanistan
- 2008, commander, Border PMT (Joint), Herat, Afghanistan
- 2008-2009, operations and training officer, Recruiting & Retention Command, Fort Dix
- February 4, 2009, promotion to lieutenant colonel
- 2009-2010, operations and training officer/deputy commander, Recruiting & Retention Command, Sea Girt
- 2010-2012, commander, Recruiting & Retention Command, Sea Girt
- 2012-2013, S2 and S3, Headquarters, 42nd Regional Support Group (RSG), Somerset, New Jersey
- 2013-2014, executive officer, Headquarters, 42nd RSG, Somerset
- 2014-2015, training division chief, JFHQ, Fort Dix
- August 5, 2015, promotion to colonel
- 2015-2017, G3, JFHQ, Fort Dix
- 2017-2018, G4, JFHQ, Fort Dix
- January 2018 - 2020, The Adjutant General of New Jersey

General Beale's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star; Meritorious Service Medal with one silver and two bronze oak leaf clusters (OLCs); Army Commendation Medal with one silver OLC; Army Achievement Medal with one bronze OLC; Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with two bronze OLCs; National Defense Service Medal with bronze service star; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Armed Forces Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with gold hourglass and M device; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon with numeral 4; NATO Medal; the Combat Action Badge; the Air Assault Badge; and the National Guard Recruiting Badge.

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