

MAJOR GENERAL JEFFREY A. JACOBS **Commanding General**

Major General Jeffrey A. Jacobs was commissioned as an infantry officer upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1979. He served seven years on active duty in the 3rd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and in the 3rd Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He commanded a rifle company in the 4th Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment for nearly two years and deployed it for six months to the Sinai Peninsula as part of the Multinational Force and Observers.

In the Army Reserve, Major General Jacobs has served in a variety of command and staff assignments as an infantry and civil affairs officer. He has commanded an institutional training battalion in the 108th Division (Institutional Training) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and has twice commanded brigade-level units. He has been mobilized three times. During Operation Uphold Democracy in 1994, he was the operations officer of the Humanitarian Assistance Coordination Center of Combined Joint Task Force 190 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He served in Bosnia in 1996 during Operation Joint Endeavor as a civil affairs plans officer in the G-3

(operations and plans) section of the Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corps and as the operations officer of the Joint Election Operations Center, helping to coordinate the first free elections in Bosnia. Most recently, he was on active duty for over two and a half years during Operations Noble Eagle and Iraqi Freedom, first as the commander of the 2125th Garrison Support Unit at Fort Bragg and then as the commander of the 354th Civil Affairs Brigade in support of the First Armored Division in Baghdad, Iraq. He served as commanding general of the 350th Civil Affairs Command, headquartered in Pensacola, Florida following his second deployment to Iraq. Major General Jacobs most recently served as the commanding general, Contingency Command Post 2, U.S. Army North – one of two deployable command and control elements capable of rapid deployment to natural disasters and other national emergencies throughout North America.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the Military Academy, a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center, and a Masters of Strategic Studies degree from the United States Army War College. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal (one Oak Leaf Cluster), and Army Commendation Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters). He has earned the Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, and the Ranger Tab, as well as several foreign parachute badges.

Major General Jacobs has published numerous articles on reserve component issues and is the author of *The Future of the Citizen-Soldier Force: Issues and Answers* (University Press of Kentucky, 1994). In civilian life, he is the chief legal counsel for the South Carolina Department of Insurance in Columbia.



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