



Major General Warner A. Ross II

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Major General Warner A. Ross II is the 77th Adjutant General for the Tennessee National Guard. Maj. Gen Ross has 33 years of service in the military. He received his commission from Officer Candidate School after beginning his career as an infantry rifleman at Fort Benning, GA in 1990. His long and distinguished military career has included assignments in Infantry, Artillery, Cavalry and Engineer units across the Tennessee National Guard.

His military education includes One Station Unit Training for 11B-Infantry (OSUT), Infantry Officer Basic Course, Artillery Officer Advanced Course, Intermediate Level Education Course, Infantry Pre-Command Course, Engineer Pre-Command Course and Senior Officer Legal Orientation Course. He holds a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College, A bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Mississippi and a Masters of Education from Freed-Hardeman University.

Maj. Gen. Ross commanded Infantry, Artillery, Cavalry and Engineer units at the Company, Battalion, and Brigade levels. He served as the Regimental Fire Support Officer in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004 and as a Squadron Operations Officer in 2010 with the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment. He served as Brigade Commander of the 194th Engineer Brigade and commander of Theater Engineer Brigade in support of Operations Spartan Shield, Freedom Sentinel and Inherent Resolve. Duty with warfighting units include: 1st Infantry Division, 38th Infantry Division, and 42nd Infantry Division. He also commanded the 1/278th Armored Cavalry Regiment in West Tennessee.

His most recent Tennessee assignment was serving as the Assistant Adjutant General-Army. He commanded the Tennessee Army National Guard, including 5 Major subordinate Commands, 4 separate Battalions and over 8,500 Soldiers. He was responsible to provide guidance, prioritization, and oversight for force readiness, planning and operations to support federal, state, and local missions.

The majority of his service years have been as a traditional National Guard Soldier, serving on weekends and during Summer Annual Training. Maj. Gen. Ross is a licensed K-12 educator in Tennessee. During his over 30-year career in education, he has served as a bus driver, classroom instructor, coach, vice-principal, principal, district assistant director and Director of Schools. He has served as the Hardeman County Director of Schools from 2012 through 2021. He was selected as Tennessee's Principal of the Year in 2008 and Southwest CORE Superintendent of the Year in 2018.

Maj. Gen. Ross has been married to his wife Becky Ross, his high school sweetheart, for 37 years. They have three sons together and are blessed with two perfect granddaughters. While serving as the Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Ross lives in Nolansville, TN, and plans to return to his farm in rural West Tennessee upon his retirement.

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