

# **COL Ronnie S. Barnes**

## **United States Property and Fiscal Officer – Kentucky**

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Colonel Ronnie S Barnes has more than 30 years of Military Service. He joined the Kentucky Army National Guard in 1992 and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in August of 1996, after completing the Kentucky Military Academy (KMA) Officer Candidate School. COL Barnes earned a Bachelors in Accounting from the University of Kentucky, Lexington. He holds a Masters in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College and a Masters in Business Administration from Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH.

COL Barnes currently serves as the United States Property and Fiscal Officer (USPFO) for Kentucky, where he receives and accounts for all funds and property of the United States in the possession of the Kentucky National Guard. Ensures that federal funds are obligated and expended in conformance with applicable statutes and regulations. Provides financial and logistical resources for maintaining federal property provided to the Kentucky National Guard. Assists units/activities within the state to ensure federal property is issued and maintained in accordance with applicable regulations and manages the federal logistics support system for the Kentucky National Guard. COL Barnes directs the functional management of the six USPFO-Kentucky divisions: Comptroller, Purchasing & Contracting, Master Cooperative Agreements, Data Processing, Logistics (including Warehouse Operations) and Internal Review.

Prior to being assigned as the USPFO, COL Barnes served in numerous critical positions at all echelons of command and staff within the KYARNG, culminating as the 138<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade (FAB) Commander.

COL Barnes is a 2017 graduate of The United States Army War College. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (6 Oak Leafs), Army Achievement Medal (3 Oak Leafs), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (8 Oak Leafs), National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Iraqi Campaign Medal with Service Star and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. COL Barnes has deployed in support of Operation Noble Eagle from 2003 to 2004 and to Iraq from 2007 to 2008.