

# **BG Ronnie S. Barnes**

## **Vice Director, NGB J8**

### **(Programs and Requirements)**

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Brigadier General Ronnie S Barnes has more than 30 years of Military Service. He joined the Kentucky Army National Guard in 1992 as a Personnel Records Specialist and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery in August of 1996, after completing the Kentucky Military Academy (KMA) Officer Candidate School. BG 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.

BG Barnes just recently served as the United States Property and Fiscal Officer (USPFO) for Kentucky, where he received and accounted for all federal funding and property of the United States in the possession of the Kentucky National Guard, ensuring execution in conformance with applicable statutes and regulations.

Prior to being assigned as the USPFO, BG Barnes served in numerous staff positions within the KYARNG and commanded the 138<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade (FAB), 2/138<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion and Battery A, 2/138<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery. As 138<sup>th</sup> FAB Commander, BG Barnes was taskforce commander of JTF Thunder during civil unrest in Louisville, KY in May 2020.

BG Barnes has served in numerous Dual Status Military Technician positions culminating as the G8/Deputy USPFO for the Kentucky Army National Guard (KYARNG). Other positions included Comptroller and Accounting Officer for the USPFO-KY and CFMO Resource Manager-KYARNG.

BG Barnes' military education includes Basic Combat Training, Advanced Individual Training, Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Staff Service School, Command and General Staff College, Joint Operational Fires and Effect Course, Advanced Operations Course, United States Army War College, Dual Status Commander Course and Certified Defense Financial Manager.

BG Barnes military awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (6 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (8 Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Iraqi Campaign Medal with Service Star and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. Deployed twice in support of Global War on Terror for Operation Noble Eagle from 2003 to 2004 and to Iraq from 2007 to 2008.

BG Barnes lives in Midway, KY with his wife Sabrina, two children Eric and Makenzie, in addition he is a member of the Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church in Midway, KY.