

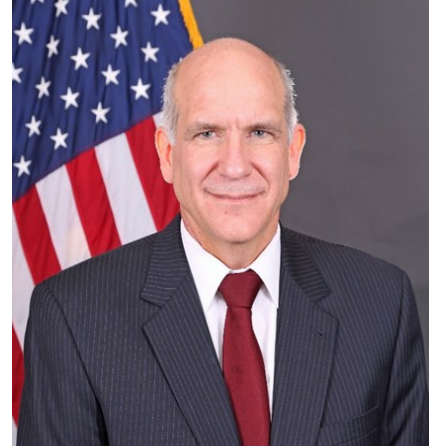


Joe Ferrero

Deputy Adjutant General

Georgia Department of Defense

Joe Ferrero has combined public and military service throughout his career. Since January of 2015, he has served as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Georgia Department of Defense. In this role he coordinates the activities of the 15,000 Army and Air Guardsmen, State Defense Force members, and civilian employees. Prior to this role, starting in 2013, he served as the executive counsel to the Georgia Department of Defense, providing legal advice to the department's leaders.



Joe also served as the Assistant Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Corrections from 1999 through 2005 and acting commissioner during 2003. There, he managed the operations of an agency with 15,000 employees, a budget of \$1 billion, and 185,000 felony probationers and prisoners. Prior to his service as Assistant Commissioner, Joe was the Assistant General Counsel for the Department from 1996 to 1999.

After graduating from Emory University's law school, Joe served at the Georgia Attorney General's Office from 1992 to 1996, where he represented the state in all public safety matters. He litigated civil rights cases and ended three of the state's longest running civil rights class actions.

In his military career, from 2007 to 2013, Joe served as a Colonel in the Georgia Air National Guard, where he developed the Guard's plans for providing assistance during emergencies and led the Georgia ANG's headquarters staff to provide support to the 2,900 men and women in Georgia's ANG units. Following graduation from Southern Illinois University, he served as a missile launch officer from 1983 to 1989 and later as a radar controller, deploying to Central and South America and to control strike aircraft over Bosnia, Kosovo, and Iraq.