



MAJOR GENERAL RICHARD D. WILSON

Adjutant General

Georgia National Guard

Major General Richard “Dwayne” Wilson assumed the duties of the 44th Adjutant General for the Georgia National Guard on 4 May 2024.

A native of Murphy, North Carolina, Major General Wilson enlisted in the Army Reserve in 1987 as a Combat Engineer. In 1993, after serving in both the Army Reserve and the North Carolina Army National Guard, he received a Regular Army commission from North Georgia College as an Aviation Second Lieutenant.

Major General Wilson’s previous General Officer assignments include serving as the Commanding General of the Georgia Army National Guard. While in this position, he was also selected to serve in a “Dual-Hat” capacity as the Deputy Commanding General for Reserve Component Mobilizations at Fort Stewart, GA. Additionally, he had the unique opportunity to serve as a Dual-Status Commander (DSC) in support of USARNORTH and USNORTHCOM’s response efforts during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Prior to serving as the Commanding General of the Georgia Army National Guard, Major General Wilson was the Georgia National Guard’s Joint Staff Director.



His deployment experience includes participation in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia and Iraq (1990-1991), as well as supporting contingency operations in Albania (1999) and during Operation Joint Guardian in Kosovo (2001). His most recent overseas deployment was in support of Operation New Dawn in Iraq (2010-2011).

Major General Wilson’s education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from North Georgia College. He later earned a Master of Arts degree from Webster University in Management and Leadership, as well as a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the United States Army War College.

His military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, as well as the Army and Air Force Commendation Medals. Additionally, he is a graduate of the Army’s Airborne School, Air Assault Course, is a Master Army Aviator rated in both rotary and fixed wing aircraft and has earned the Combat Action Badge.

Major General Wilson and his wife Samantha are blessed with four children and ten grandchildren. Their two sons and their son-in-law also serve in the Army. The Wilsons currently reside in Canton, GA.