

Major General Robert G. Carruthers III

Assistant Adjutant General – Army
Commander Florida Army National Guard



Major General Robert Carruthers is the Assistant Adjutant General-Army and the Commander of the Florida Army National Guard (FLARNG). He commands over 10,000 Soldiers and exercises management authority over all FLARNG programs.

Prior to this appointment, General Carruthers served as the Deputy Commander of the Florida Army National Guard, Director of the Joint Staff and Commander of Joint Task Force Florida. He exercised command of Florida's 1-Star JTF command as a Dual-Status Commander of over 3,000 Federal and State Activated troops in response to COVID-19.

General Carruthers earned his commission in 1990 through the Tulane University Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program as an Armor Officer. While on active duty, he served at Fort Stewart, Georgia with the 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment as Tank Platoon Leader, Mortar Platoon Leader, and Tank Company Executive Officer; at The Citadel as Assistant Professor of Military Science; as a Tank Company Commander with 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment with the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas as and as a Company Commander and Senior Observer Controller/Trainer with the 3rd Battalion, 395th Armor Regiment.

In 2001, he transitioned from active duty to the Texas National Guard serving with 2nd Battalion, 112th Armor Regiment as Assistant Battalion Operations Officer. In 2004, he transitioned to the South Carolina National Guard serving with 1st Battalion, 263rd Armor Regiment as Assistant Battalion Operations Officer; 218th Armor Brigade Combat Team as Brigade Plans Officer and Operations Officer; J3 for CJTF Phoenix in Afghanistan and as Operations Officer (S3) of 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade. He served 4 years as the Battalion Commander for the 1st Battalion, 118th IN Combined Arms Battalion. He served as the Brigade Commander the 59th Troop Command and then as Brigade Commander of the 218th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade; and Deputy Commander, South Carolina Army National Guard Training Site Command and Joint Force Headquarters Intelligence Officer (G2).

He has served on three operational deployments that include Tank Company Commander in Bosnia, Joint Operations Officer (J3) of Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) Phoenix in Afghanistan and Battalion Commander as part of Multi-National Battle Group – East in Kosovo. In addition, he participated major named exercises in Egypt, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Romania, and Oman. He has multiple CTC rotations at NTC, JRTC and JMRC as a platoon leader, company commander and battalion commander.

General Carruthers' civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of New Orleans, a Master of Science Degree in History from The Citadel, a Master of Business Administration Degree from Southern Methodist University and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies Degree from the U.S. Army War College. His military education includes U.S. Army War College, Joint Combined Warfighting School, Joint Task Force Commander's Course, Dual Status Commander's Course. His decorations include the Legion of Merit (2nd Award), Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award), Joint Services Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (6th Award) and Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award). His military qualifications include the Combat Action Badge and Parachutist Badge. He is Joint Qualified and Dual Status Command Qualified.