

Lieutenant Colonel Tarik Jones

Commander, 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery

A native of Woodbridge, Virginia, Lieutenant Colonel Tarik Jones earned his commission as an Air Defense Artillery Officer through ROTC at Princeton University in 2007. His first assignment was at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in September 2008, where he served as a Launcher Platoon Leader for Charlie Battery 6th Battalion, 52 Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade. He then relocated with the Battalion to Osan Airbase, Republic of Korea in April 2009, and where he served as a Platoon Leader and a Tactical Control Officer on the Patriot Missile System for Alpha Battery. He later became the Battalion Logistics Officer and the Executive Officer for the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery. Upon his return to Fort Sill, OK in 2011, he served as a Battle Captain and Assistant Brigade S-3 Operations Officer for the 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade.



In April of 2013, he deployed to Gaziantep, Turkey in support of Operation Active Fence where he assumed command of Bravo Battery 3rd Battalion, 2nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment. He redeployed to Fort Sill, OK in December 2013 and relinquished command in December of 2014. He then served as the Battery Commander for Alpha Battery, 3rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD from January 2015 to July 2016. After successfully completing that command, he served as the aide-de-camp to the Commanding General of the Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM) at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. He was then selected for the Congressional Fellowship where he served as a Legislative Liaison for a member of the U.S. Congress and in the House Liaison Division of the Office of the Chief Legislative Liaison (OCLL) from 2018 to 2021. Upon completion, he deployed to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait as the Battalion Executive Officer for the 1st Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery. He redeployed in 2022 and served as the Battalion Operations Officer. He most recently served as the Executive Officer to the Director of the Missile Defense Agency at Fort Belvoir, VA.

Lieutenant Colonel Jones holds a Master's Degree in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University, a Master's Degree in Leadership from University of Texas El Paso and a Bachelor of Science and Engineering degree in Mechanical Engineering from Princeton University. He has attended numerous military schools and is a graduate of the Air Defense Artillery Captain's Career Course and the Command and General Staff College.

His military awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (three oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (three oak leaf clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (four oak leaf clusters), the Korean Defense Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon (Roman Numeral 3). Major Jones has earned the Ranger Tab, the Parachutist Badge, and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge.

Lieutenant Colonel Jones is married to Dominique Jones, and they have five children: Tahari (7), Tariah (6), Dekari (4), Damar (3), and Damiah (9 months).