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Biography

Major General Anthony Woods

Commanding General, Texas State Guard

Maj. Gen. Anthony Woods is the commander of the Texas State Guard, headquartered at Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas.

General Woods received an early commission as a second lieutenant in 1984 through the Army ROTC program at the University of Texas – Arlington. He then received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, in 1987, and his master's from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pa. in 2010.

The general served in several leadership positions with the 1st Battalion, 112th Armor, headquartered in Dallas. This included as battalion executive officer during Operation Noble Eagle – a joint U.S. and [Canadian](#) military operation related to homeland security and support to federal, state, and local agencies. The operation began Sept. 11, 2001, in response to attacks on the Nation.

In 2005, the general became the first African American commander of the 1st Battalion, 112th Armor, leading his unit in the first American training exercise in Romania after the fall of the Soviet Union.

In 2006, General Woods served as deputy commander for Operation Jump Start – an initiative started by President George Bush to secure the Nation's southwest border. He also served as the deputy commander of the Joint Interagency Task Force – the first attempt in Texas to establish a dedicated task force designed to support law enforcement during a man-made or natural disaster.

The general commanded the 136th Combined Arms Training Regiment in 2010, leading it to be awarded the Institution of Excellence award by U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

In 2012, General Woods deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan, as commander of the Security Force Agency Task Force. SFAT was given the mission of overseeing and mentoring brigade and Kandak staffs throughout Southern Afghanistan.

From 2015 until now he's served in various positions with the Texas State Guard, to include his current position as the Guard's commander.

General Woods is a former Dallas police officer and special agent retired from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. He and wife Cecilia have been married for 15 years and have seven children.

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