

**COMMANDANT
WARRANT OFFICER CAREER CENTER
COL Mark T. Jones**



COL Mark T. Jones became the new commandant of the Warrant Officer Career Center during a change of command ceremony held at Fort Rucker's U.S. Army Aviation Museum on June 22, 2007. COL Jones replaced COL Glenwood Norris Jr., who is now the inspector general for the Space and Missile Defense Command, Redstone Arsenal. Prior to assuming command of WOCC, COL Jones was the Aviation Branch Personnel Proponency Director, Fort Rucker.

COL Mark Jones graduated in 1984 as a Distinguished Military Graduate from McNeese State University, Lake Charles, Louisiana with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He holds a Masters of Arts Degree from the United States Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. His military education includes the Aviation Officer Basic Course, Flight School, Aviation Officer Advanced Course, SERE-C, U.S. Army Command and General Staff Officer Course, the Joint Forces Staff College, and Senior Service College. He is a Master Army Aviator rated in the UH-1, OH-58, AH-1, AH-6, and AH-64A/D (Apache Longbow).

COL Jones's operational assignments include Platoon Leader and Assistant Battalion S-3, 2nd Battalion (Attack), 4th Aviation Regiment, 8th Infantry Division; Assistant Battalion S-3 and Commander, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm; Assistant Brigade S-3, 101st Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Platoon Leader, Company B (Attack), 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment with operations in Somalia; Regimental Operations Officer, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment; Commander, Company B (Attack), 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment; Special Mission Unit Liaison Officer, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment; S-3, 1st Battalion (Attack), 2nd Aviation Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Page, Korea; Regimental Executive Officer, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment; Commander, 1st Battalion (Attack) 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division with operations in Kuwait in support of Operation Desert Spring; and Director of Training (J7), Special Operations Command, United States Joint Forces Command with operations in Afghanistan and Iraq in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Prior to taking Command of the Warrant Officer Career Center, COL Jones was Director, Aviation Branch Personnel Proponency.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards), Air Medal with Valor device, Air Medal (2 awards), Army Commendation Medal (2 awards), Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2 awards), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2 awards), Southwest Asia Service Medal (2 awards), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, United Nations Medal, Saudi Arabia/Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Master Army Aviator Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Parachutist Badge. He is the recipient of the Order of Saint Michael Bronze Medal.

COL Jones and his wife Sheila have three children, Brittany, Zachary, and Caeley.