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BIOGRAPHY OF BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN J. (JOE) CRAWFORD, JR

General Crawford is the Assistant Adjutant General for Air/Commander, Kansas Air National Guard, Topeka, Kansas.

General Crawford grew up in Texas and graduated from Laneri High School in Fort Worth, Texas. He graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas, in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics. He is a graduate of the Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces correspondence programs. In 1989, General Crawford graduated from the Air War College.



General Crawford entered the Air Force Reserve in 1955. In 1959, he became a Flight Engineer on the C-119 and accumulated 900 hours in the C-119. He was commissioned in 1964 through the Outstanding Airman program as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer. In 1969, he transferred to the Kansas Air National Guard as an Aircraft Maintenance Administrative Officer. In 1980, he was appointed to the Director of Administration for the 184th Combat Support Squadron. In March 1986, he was appointed Deputy Commander for Resources and assumed command of the Resource Management Squadron. He became the Vice Commander of the 184th Tactical Fighter Group in February 1987. He assumed the position as Director of Resources, Headquarters, Kansas Air National Guard, Topeka, Kansas, on 1 July 1988. In August 1988, he attended Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, and graduated in May 1989. He returned to the Director of Resources position in State Headquarters at Topeka, Kansas. He was appointed as the Executive Support Staff Officer to the Adjutant General of Kansas in August 1991. In May 1992, he was selected for his current position as Assistant Adjutant General for Air/Commander, Kansas Air National Guard.

General Crawford's military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four devices, Air Force Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Air Force Longevity Ribbon with eight devices, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two devices, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Force Training Ribbon, and the Kansas National Guard Service Medal with two devices.

General Crawford's date of rank is 11 March 1993.

General Crawford is married to the former Deanna M. Kneifl of Fort Worth, Texas. They have one married daughter, Kathleen.