



**Civilian Aide to the
Secretary of the Army**
FLORIDA (NORTHEAST)



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Following retirement from the military, Mr. Tyre has continued to serve our Army and the Florida National Guard. He currently serves on the Adjutant General's (TAG) Retiree Advisory Counsel and is the President of the Florida National Guard Foundation. The Foundation is a non-profit organization that has helped countless Soldiers, Airmen and Families of the Florida National Guard and awarded many scholarships to deserving young college candidates.

EDUCATION

Mr. Tyre graduated from Edward Waters College with a Bachelor of Business Administration and holds a Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the Army War College.

MILITARY SERVICE

Mr. Tyre retired as a Major General after 45 years of military service. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant through the Florida National Guard's Officer Candidate School program in May 1980 and has commanded at every level from platoon through brigade before taking command of the Florida Army National Guard (FLARNG) in October 2010. Other key assignments include Director of the Joint Staff, Florida National Guard; Deputy Chief of Staff Operations (DCSOPS), and Inspector General, Florida Joint Force Headquarters, Florida National Guard. He also served as a principle advisor to TAG on domestic operations, serving as the Joint Task Force Commander during emergencies with the state of Florida and successfully serving as the Nation's first Dual Status Commander during Hurricane Isaac, whose effects complicated and divided the Florida Guard's support of the Republican Party Nominating Convention in Tampa in 2012. He was the major architect of the transition of the Florida Army National Guard from a strategic reserve to an important member of the operational force. Starting with his work as the DCSOPS and ending with his command of the Florida Army Guard, he planned, sourced, prepared and deployed over 15,000 Soldiers overseas in support of our national security objectives.

MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

MILITARY: Life member of the Florida National Guard Officer Association, member of the Association of the United States Army, member of the Military Officers Association of America.

CIVIC: President of the Florida National Guard Foundation, Vice Chairman/Military Advisor of Military Family Connect.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Tyre's military awards and recognition include the Defense Service Medal, the Florida Cross, the Legion of Merit and the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara.

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT

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