



Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

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Mr. Augustus L. (Leon) Collins is the Chief Executive Officer of MINACT, Inc, a job training, development and management company located in Jackson, Mississippi. He is also the retired Adjutant General for the Mississippi National Guard.

EDUCATION

BBA, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS; MBA, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS; MSS, United States Army War College, Carlisle, PA.

MILITARY SERVICE

Mr. Collins served as a Traditional Guardsman in the Mississippi National Guard from 1977 until 1987. In 1987 he entered the Active-Guard Reserve Program and served until 2004 when he was mobilized for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He commanded the 155th Separate Armored Brigade from 2004 until 2006 and deployed the brigade to the Iraqi Theater of Operations. In 2006 he was reassigned as the Director of Mobilization Forces, U.S. Army Forces Command until his retirement in October 2007. In January 2012 the Governor of Mississippi asked him to return from retirement to become the Adjutant General for the Mississippi National Guard, where he commanded a force of nearly 13,000 Soldiers and Airmen. He served in that capacity until his retirement as a Major General in August 2016.

MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

MILITARY: The Order of Saint George; The Order of Saint Maurice; Lifetime member of the National Guard Association of the United States; Lifetime member of the Association of the United States Army; Lifetime member of the National Guard Association of Mississippi; Member of the United States Cavalry and Armor Association.

CIVIC: Chairman of the Mississippi Economic Council; Past President of the University of Mississippi National Alumni Association; Past Chairman of Leadership Mississippi; Board of Directors of Friends of Mississippi Veterans; Beta Gamma Boule of the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (with OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (with Silver OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (with OLC), the Army Achievement Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Honorable Orders of Saint George and Maurice, the U.S. Army Staff Identification Badge.

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT

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