U.S. Army Contracting Command

Colonel Jessie K. Griffith III
Acting Deputy Commander-Operations

Colonel Jessie K. Griffith III assumed the role of Acting Deputy Commander-Operations for the Army Contracting Command in June 2026.

Col. Griffith was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 1999, following graduation from the University of South Carolina. He was first assigned as the 3rd Platoon Leader in Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment (mechanized), at Fort Hood, Texas. He later served as the Delta Company Executive Officer and Battalion S1 within the same battalion.

From August 2004 until September 2005, he commanded Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment (air assault). From September 2005 until February 2007, he commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005. After transitioning to the Acquisition Corps in 2007, he was assigned as the Team Leader for the 615th Contracting Team (CT), 902nd Contracting Battalion (CBN), at Fort Lewis, Washington, and served there until 2010. Col. Griffith deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2009 and served as the Regional Contracting Center Chief at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Fenty.

From October 2010 until May 2014, Col. Griffith was assigned as the Team Leader of the 708th CT at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and held the positions of Construction and Engineering Division and Supply and Services Division Chief. He deployed in 2012 to support the Office of the Defense Representative - Pakistan.
From June 2014 until June 2017, Col. Griffith served as the lead Operational Contract Support (OCS) Planner for the J4 Logistics and Engineering Division, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM), at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

From July 2017 until July 2019, Col. Griffith served as the commander of the 925th Contracting Battalion (CBN) and Director of MICC- Fort Drum at Fort Drum, New York. In February 2018, Col. Griffith and the 925th CBN Headquarters deployed to oversee contracting operations for Operation Inherent Resolve.

From July 2020 to June 2021, Col. Griffith served as the Director of Mission Operations (DCS G3/5/7) for the Army Contracting Command at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. Col. Griffith served as the Commander of the 418th Contracting Support Brigade at Fort Cavazos, Texas from 2021-2024.

From September 2024 until May 2026, he fulfilled the role of Army Contracting Command Chief of Staff.

Col. Griffith holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art from the University of South Carolina, a master's degree in Procurement and Acquisition Management from Webster University, and a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (V device), the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Parachutists Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Gold class).

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