



## Biography

# National Guard Bureau

General Officer Management Office, Arlington, VA



## **MAJOR GENERAL JOSEPH E. TINKHAM, II** **The Adjutant General, Maine**

Major General Joseph E. Tinkham, II assumed duties as Adjutant General/Commissioner, on April 30, 2000. As Adjutant General/Commissioner he is directly in charge of the Maine Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, which encompasses the Maine National Guard, Maine Emergency Management Agency and the Bureau of Veterans' Services. He is responsible to the Governor of Maine/Commander in Chief for the proper performance of duties. The Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management coordinates and administers the discharge of the Maine state government's responsibility relating to military matters, veterans, and civil emergency preparedness. It is responsible for the federal recognition and continuation of the federal forces structure, manpower, maintenance, fiscal operation and overall readiness of the Maine National Guard which is composed of over 3400 troops.

The General's military service began in 1966 when he was drafted into the active service. He was commissioned a Field Artillery officer following graduation from Active Component Officer Candidate School in 1967. Following commissioning he served in the Federal Republic of Germany and the 1st Cavalry Division, Republic of Vietnam. Leaving active duty with the rank of Captain he joined the Maine Army National Guard in 1973 and was assigned as a battery commander with the 152 Field Artillery. Following a second battery command and the completion of a number of staff assignments including a tour at the National Guard Bureau, Major General Tinkham commanded the Troop Command, Maine Army National Guard. A series of senior staff assignments followed culminating with service from 1994 to 1998 as the Maine Army National Guard Chief of Staff. Major General Tinkham has also served as the Deputy Commissioner of the Maine Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and most recently as Executive Director, Maine Veterans' Homes.

### **EDUCATION:**

University of New York - BS Degree - Political Science  
United States Army Command and General Staff College  
Congressional Operations Seminar  
United States Foreign Policy Seminar  
Personnel Managers Course

Field Artillery Officers Operations Course  
Field Artillery Officers Advanced Course  
US Army Jungle Warfare School  
Field Artillery Officers Candidate School

### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. 1966 - 1967, Trainee and Officer Candidate, Fort Dix, New Jersey and Fort Sill, Oklahoma
2. 1967 - 1968, Battery Exec Officer and Bn Communications Officer, 2nd Bn, 7th Field Artillery, 24th INF DIV, Augsburg, Germany
3. 1968 - 1969, Forward Observer, Battery Exec Officer, Fire Direction Officer, 1st Bn 21st Field Artillery, 1st CAV DIV, Republic of Vietnam
4. 1969 - 1970, Company Commander, CoC, 17th Bn 5th Brigade, USATC, Fort Knox, Kentucky
5. 1970 - 1973, Instructor (Nuclear Weapons), 10330 USAR School, Saco, Maine
6. 1973 - 1974, Battery Commander, Headquarters Battery, 1st Bn, 152d Field Artillery, Maine Army National Guard
7. 1974 - 1975, Battery Commander, Service Battery, 1st Bn, 152d Field Artillery, Maine Army National Guard
8. 1975 - 1977, Battalion Operations Officer, 1st Bn, 152d Field Artillery, Maine Army National Guard
9. 1977 - 1978, Force Structure and Organization Officer, National Guard Bureau, Pentagon, Washington, DC
10. 1978 - 1981, Executive Officer, Command and Control Headquarters, Maine Army National Guard
11. 1981 - 1983, Plans, Operations and Military Support Officer, Headquarters, Maine Army National Guard
12. 1983 - 1986, Training Officer, Headquarters, Maine Army National Guard
13. 1986 - 1989, Commander, Troop Command, Maine Army National Guard
14. 1989 - 1991, Director of Personnel, Maine Army National Guard
15. 1991 - 1994, Director of Operations, Maine Army National Guard
16. 1994 - 1998, Chief of Staff, Maine Army National Guard
17. 1998 - 1999, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Camp Keyes, Augusta, Maine
18. 1999 - Apr 00, Executive Director, Maine Veterans' Homes, Augusta, Maine
19. May 00 - Present, The Adjutant General, Headquarters, State Area Command, Maine Army National Guard, Augusta, Maine

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Legion of Merit  
Bronze Star Medal  
Air Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal  
Army Commendation Medal  
Army Achievement Medal  
National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal  
Army Service Ribbon  
Overseas Service Ribbon  
RVN Campaign Medal  
Army RC Overseas Training Ribbon  
Army Meritorious Unit Citation  
RVN Gallantry Cross Unit Citation  
RVN Civic Action Honor Medal Unit Citation

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS:**

2LT USAR 24 Oct 67  
2LT AUS 21 Aug 68  
1LT AUS 24 Oct 68  
CPT AUS 21 Nov 69  
1LT USAR 16 Dec 69  
CPT USAR 26 Nov 70  
CPT ARNGUS 1 Nov 73  
MAJ ARNGUS 15 Sep 77  
L TC ARNGUS 21 Oct 81  
COL ARNGUS 17 Oct 91

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