



## Biography

# National Guard Bureau

General Officer Management Office, Arlington, VA



## MAJOR GENERAL EARL L. ADAMS The Adjutant General, Maine

Major General Earl Adams assumed duties as Adjutant General/ Commissioner, on February 20, 1995. As Adjutant General/Commissioner he is directly in charge the 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 initial 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 3800 troops.

The General's military service began in 1957. He was commissioned an infantry officer in active service following graduation from the University of Maine ROTC program. Major General Adams joined the Maine Army National Guard in 1962 as a First Lieutenant and became branch qualified as an artillery officer. He completed a number of assignments that led to his becoming the Battalion Commander of the 1st Battalion, 152nd Field Artillery. Major General Adams served as the first Chief of Staff for the Maine Army National Guard from 1976 to 1989.

### EDUCATION:

University of Maine - BS Degree - Education  
National War College, Defense Strategy Seminar Course  
Command and General Staff College (Honor Graduate)  
Army War College

### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Jun 57 - Apr 58, United States Army Reserve Control Group
2. Apr 58 - Aug 58, Student, Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia
3. Aug 58 - Apr 60, Weapons Platoon Leader, later Executive Officer, later Weapons Platoon Leader, Company B, 2d Battle Group, 39th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington
4. Apr 60 - Apr 62, United States Army Reserve Control Group

5. Apr 62 - Sep 65, Ammunitions Officer, later Commander, Service Battery, 1st Howitzer Battalion, 152d Artillery
6. Sep 65 - Aug 71, S2, later S1, later S3, later Executive Officer, later Battalion Commander, 1st Battalion, 152d Artillery (redesignated from 1st Howitzer Battalion, 152d Artillery) Caribou, Maine
7. Aug 71 - Feb 89, Intelligence Staff Officer, later Plans and Training Officer, later Assistant MSCA Officer, later Chief of Staff, later Temporary Additional Position, Headquarters State Area Command, Maine Army National Guard (Redesignated from Headquarters Detachment, Maine Army National Guard) Augusta, Maine
8. Feb 89 - Nov 94, Control Group (Reinforcement)
9. Nov 94 - Feb 95, Control Group (Retired)
10. Feb 95 - Apr 00, The Adjutant General, Headquarters, State Area Command, Maine Army National Guard, Augusta, Maine

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

Distinguished Service Medal  
Legion of Merit  
Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Army Commendation Medal  
Army Achievement Medal  
Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with 4 bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)  
National Defense Service Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with 1 gold Hourglass Device)  
Army Service Ribbon  
Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon  
Expert Infantryman Badge

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS:**

2LT USAR 9 Jun 57  
1LT AUS 11 Oct 59  
1LT USAR 10 Apr 60  
1LT ARNG 29 Apr 62  
CPT ARNG 9 Oct 64  
MAJ ARNG 13 Jan 69  
LTC ARNG 5 Apr 73  
COL ARNG 1 Nov 76  
COL USAR 10 Feb 89  
COL AUS (Retired) 5 Nov 94  
COL ARNG 20 Feb 95  
BG (Line) ARNG 21 May 96  
MG (Line) ARNG 30 Sep 97

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