

## **COL JAMES H. JENKINS III** **Deputy Commander for Operations** **USASMDC/ARSTRAT**

COL James “Jimmy” H. Jenkins III was born Nov. 16, 1963, in Bennettsville, S.C. He graduated from West Point in 1986 with degrees in electrical engineering and management. He also has master’s degrees in operations research/systems management from Florida Institute of Technology and strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College.

In January 2013, COL Jenkins assumed the duties as deputy commander for Operations of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command. His previous assignment was as the chief of staff for the command. Before coming to SMDC, he was the brigade commander of the 69<sup>th</sup> ADA Brigade at Fort Hood, Texas. He deployed his brigade headquarters his last year of command to command and control most of the air defense forces in the Central Command area of operations. His first career assignment was Fort Bliss, Texas. He served in the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and 5-52 ADA (Chaparral/Vulcan/Stinger), 11th ADA Brigade. During this tour, he served in four platoon leader positions, as battery executive officer and as assistant S3. He graduated early from the Air Defense Advance Course to serve with 2-3 ADA (Vulcan/Stinger), 1st Infantry Division in Desert Storm. He was the battalion planner during the war and later commanded B/2-3 ADA. After Fort Riley, Kan., he served as an operations research systems analyst and test parachutist with the Airborne and Special Operations Test Directorate at Ft. Bragg, N.C. Highlights of this tour were his duties as a test parachutist for C-5 formation drops and the new C-17. In addition, he also led the first GPS-guided parachute delivery system testing. In 1996, he moved to Washington, D.C. and served as an aide-de-camp for the Operational Testing and Evaluation commander and later as the assignment officer for Operation Research and Systems Analyst in Personnel Command. During his tour at PERSCOM, he led the efforts to develop and implement the Career Field Designation board process for the Army. After Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., he served in 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, as the assistant division air defense officer and S3 for 4-5 ADA (Linebacker/Avenger/Stinger). In 2001, he returned to PERSCOM as the major and lieutenant colonel assignment officer in Air Defense Branch. COL Jenkins commanded 3-2 ADA (PATRIOT), 31st ADA Brigade, III CORPS from 2003-2005. During command, his battalion deployed to Washington in support of a Joint Task Force-North operational mission. They organized and trained the nation’s first Counter Rocket Artillery and Mortar Battery for deployment to Iraq. After command, he was the director, Office of the Chief of Air Defense Artillery at Fort Bliss. He attended the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle, Penn., in 2006-07 and his last tour was with Joint Task Force-North. During this tour, he led efforts to partner JTF-N with the Joint IED Defeat Organization applying their information sharing architecture and tools to JTF-Ns mission and its partners.



COL Jenkins awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (one oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (six oak leaf clusters), ARCOM (two oak leaf clusters), Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Volunteerism Medal (one oak leaf cluster), Senior Parachutist Badge, Australian Airborne Wings, and German Armed Force Proficiency Badge (Gold).

COL Jenkins is married to Mary Norton Jenkins, of Minot, N.D. They have four children – Hunter, Michael, Katelyn, and John.

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