



**Deputy Judge Advocate General
U.S. Army
Major General
Thomas E. Ayres**



Major General Thomas E. Ayres was commissioned in the U.S. Army upon graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1984. After service in Italy as an airborne rifle platoon leader, executive officer and personnel officer, Major General Ayres was selected for the Funded Legal Education Program and earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law in 1991.

Prior to assuming duty as the Deputy Judge Advocate General on October 1, 2013, Major General Ayres most recently served as the Commander, U.S. Army Legal Services Agency and Chief Judge, U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals. His former key duty positions include: Commander and Commandant of The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School; Deputy Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Staff Judge Advocate, Multi-National Corps-Iraq; Staff Judge Advocate, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg; Staff Judge Advocate, 82d Airborne Division, including tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. Other assignments include: Trial Counsel, Senior Prosecutor and Chief of Criminal Law, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized); Environmental Law and Litigation Attorney, United States Army Legal Services Agency; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 82d Airborne Division and XVIII Airborne Corps.

Major General Ayres' awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Army Achievement Medal. He is also entitled to wear the Canadian Parachutist Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Pathfinder Badge, the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Major General Ayres is married and has three children.