



**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; Assistant Judge Advocate General for Military Law and Operations; Deputy Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; SJA, Multi-National Corps-Iraq; SJA, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg; SJA, 82d Airborne Division, including tours as the SJA for Coalition Task Force 82, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan, SJA for Task Force 82, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Task Force All-American, Operation Iraqi Freedom. 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 Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, XVIII Airborne Corps.

Major General Ayres' awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with 3 oak leaf clusters, and the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters. He is also entitled to wear the Canadian Parachutist Badge and the Master Parachutist Badge.

Major General Ayres is married and has three children.