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MG (Ret) James M. Skiff was the assistant adjutant general for the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, headquartered at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa. He was responsible for the operational readiness of the fourth largest Air National Guard in the country. He provided advice to the adjutant general in all military matters pertaining to air operations in the state. He advocated nationally for the modernization of equipment and facilities for over 4,000 members in three wings, including 62 groups, squadrons, and flights, representing four major commands. The general developed and implemented federal and state plans toward absorbing Pennsylvania units into the Total Force.

The general was commissioned through Reserve Officer Training Corps at Ohio Wesleyan University in 1966. He has served at every level of command from squadron to wing in two fighter organizations assigned to the Pennsylvania and Connecticut Air National Guard's. He led the Air National Guards' A-10 teams in the worldwide gunnery competitions: Gun Smoke '81, '83, '87, and '89. While on active duty flying F-4's, he completed 200 combat missions in Vietnam. The general led Air Guard contingency relief of active forces in support of Deny Flight in 1993, Decisive Endeavor in 1996, and Operation Southern Watch in 1999, accumulating 25 combat missions in the A-10

ASSIGNMENTS:
1. October 1966 - October 1967, student, undergraduate pilot training, Craig Air Force Base, Ala.
2. November 1967 - May 1968, student, pilot F-100, 4515th Combat Crew Training Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.
3. June 1968 - January 1971, pilot F-100, 20th Tactical Fighter Wing, Royal Air Force Wethersfield, England
4. February 1971 - March 1971, student pilot F-4, George Air Force Base, Calif.
5. March 1971 - March 1972, pilot F-4, 8th Fighter Wing, Ubon Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand
6. April 1972 - October 1972, tactical air liaison officer, 346th Tactical Fighter Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho
7. November 1972 - October 1980, pilot F-100/A-10, 103rd Tactical Fighter Group, Bradley Air National Guard Base, Conn.
8. November 1980 - October 1982, chief of command post, 103rd Tactical Fighter Group, Bradley Air National Guard Base, Conn.
9. November 1982 - October 1984, chief of standardization and evaluation, 103rd Tactical Fighter Group, Bradley Air National Guard Base, Conn.
10. November 1984 - November 1986, squadron operation officer, 118th Fighter Squadron, Bradley Air National

Guard Base, Conn.
11. December 1986 - March 1989, squadron commander, 118th Fighter Squadron, Bradley Air National Guard Base, Conn.
12. July 1988 - June 1989, director of operations (acting), 103rd Tactical Fighter Group, Bradley Air National Guard Base, Conn.
13. July 1989 - December 1991, chief of command post, 103rd Tactical Fighter Group, Bradley Air National Guard Base, Conn.
14. January l992 - July 1994, director of operations, 103rd Fighter Wing, Bradley Air National Guard Base, Conn.
15. July 1994 - January 1997, vice commander, 103rd Fighter Wing, Bradley Air National Guard Base, Conn.
16. January 1997 - July 1997, commander, 103rd Fighter Wing, Bradley Air National Guard Base, Conn.
17. July 1997 - March 1999, commander, 111th Fighter Wing, Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Willow Grove, Pa.
18. March 1999 - June 2001, chief of staff also serving as commander, Headquarters, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, Pa.
19. June 2001 - present, assistant adjutant general, Headquarters Pennsylvania Air National Guard, Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville PA

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command pilot
Flight hours: 8,700 hours
Aircraft flown: T-37, T-33, F-100, F-4, A-10, C-131, C-12, C-26, EC-130
Pilot wings from: Craig Air Force Base, Ala.

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LTC (Ret) Stanley h Beckford served in the US Army as a Field Artillery Officer. During his career of 22 years, he has served in a variety of command and staff positions. His overseas assignments include combat tours in Afghanistan and Iraq in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. His various awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, army commendation and Achievement medals, the Connecticut Medal of Merit, and Air assault badge.

Education:

Doctor of Education, Ed.D University of Hartford, Hartford Connecticut

MS Organizational Management, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, Connecticut

BS Business Administration, College of Saint Rose, Albany, New York

DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Oct 89 - Mar 90	Fire Support Officer, C- Company, 4th Battalion 22nd Infantry, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii
Mar 90 - May 91	Executive Officer, C- Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii M
My 91 - Jan 92	Battalion Motor Officer, 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii
Jan 92 - Aug 93	Student, Field Artillery Advance & MLRS Cadre Courses, Operations Officer, 5th Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
Aug 93 - Nov 94	Battalion Motor Officer, 5th Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
Nov 94 - Jan 96	Headquarters Service Battery Commander, 5th Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
Mar 96 - Aug 96	Operations Officer, 1st Battalion, 74th Infantry Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light), Fort Drum, New York
Nov 96 - Oct 97	Alpha Battery Commander, 1st Battalion, 74th Infantry Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light), Fort Drum, New York
Nov 97 - Jan 00	Operation Officer, Camp Rowland, Connecticut
March 00 - Feb 02	Assistant Fire Support Coordinator, HHC, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Hood, Texas
Jun 02 - Dec 02	OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Joint Special Operations Liaison Officer (QATAR)
Mar 03 - Jun 03	OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, 4TH Infantry Division Artillery Assistant Operations Officer (IRAQ)
July 03 - Mar 04	Task Force Deep Strike (2-20 FA) S3, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (IRAQ)
Apr 04 - July 04	Battalion S3 2nd Battalion 20th Field Artillery (MLRS) 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Hood, Texas
Aug 04 - Jun 06	Brigade Operations Officer, 3rd BDE 91st Division (TS) Travis AFB, California

Jun 06 - Jun09 Connecticut Senior Army Advisor Guard (SRAGG), Hartford, Connecticut

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