

## **Major General Darren G. Owens, Retired**

Major General Darren G. Owens was raised in Reeves County Texas and is a graduate of Pecos High School. He attended Texas A&M University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics and the United States Army War College where he received a Master of Science in Strategic Studies. Darren also received special training at 2005 Senior Executive Program in International Security, George C. Marshall Center for European Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany and the Senior Executive Program in National Security, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

As Chief of the Common Management and Price Support programs at the Texas State FSA Office Darren is responsible for all training programs as well as the price support programs and all FSA payment eligibility programs for Texas.

As a member of the Texas Army National Guard General Owens served in numerous leadership positions at every level. Including serving from July 2005 to January 2007, as the Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division Forward, Multi-National Brigade (East) and Task Force Falcon, Kosovo Force, Operation Joint Guardian in Kosovo - Serbia-Montenegro. And from 2007 through 2011 General Owens served in Washington DC as the Director of Logistics for the National Guard Bureau and as Special Assistant to the Director of the Army National Guard. In July 2007 he began work on Agribusiness Development Teams for Afghanistan working with the National Guard and Land Grant Universities in multiple states. General Owens was recognized by the Department of Agriculture Economics, Texas A&M University and placed in the Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry for his work with Agribusiness Development Teams for Afghanistan. General Owens has received two Administrators Awards for Service to Agriculture from the Farm Service Agency. He continues to serve as a national leadership instructor of the Farm Service Agency and has been member of numerous task forces for improving and administering USDA farm programs. General Owens received the Texas Independent Ginners Distinguished Service award in 2016.

Darren and his wife Lori currently reside in Bryan, Texas and have 4 children: Brigada Hiser and husband Keith Hiser of Colorado City Texas (Mitchell County Librarian), Brady Owens and wife Tammy Owens of Casper, Wyoming (Outreach and interpretive coordinator for the Bureau of Land Management) Amy Auyer of Bryan Texas (Texas Engineering Extension Service Instructional Design Specialist), Michelle Auyer of Vernon Texas ( District Conservationist with the Natural Resource Conservation Service in Foard County Texas and member of the Texas Army National Guard).