



BIOGRAPHY

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF KANSAS

MAJOR GENERAL LEE E. TAFANELLI

Major General Lee E. Tafanelli was appointed The Adjutant General of Kansas on 8 January 2011.

As The Adjutant General, he oversees the activities of the Adjutant General's Department providing personnel administration and training guidance for over 7,000 soldiers and airmen in the Kansas Army and Air National Guard as well as leadership to the full-time National Guard and State employees of the Adjutant General's Department. He directs the Kansas Division of Emergency Management responsible for leading a core group of professionals tasked with preparing for and responding to emergency situations within the state of Kansas. This includes guidance and training to 105 county emergency managers and their staffs. As the Kansas Director of Homeland Security, Major General Tafanelli ensures security in the state is a top priority.



During his career in the Kansas Army National Guard, Major General Tafanelli has commanded at the Company, Battalion, Brigade, and State level with additional assignments in personnel, logistics, finance, mobilization readiness, and operations. During OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM III, Major General Tafanelli commanded the 891st Combat Engineer Battalion in Iraq.

Prior to his appointment as Adjutant General, Major General Tafanelli was assigned as the Assistant Adjutant General and Commander, Land Component, Kansas Army National Guard. In addition, he served in the Kansas House of Representatives representing the 47th district from 2001-2011.

Major General Tafanelli received his commission from Pittsburg State University, Army Reserve Officer Training Corps on 17 December 1982 and holds master's degrees from Kansas State University and the Army War College.