

# Curriculum Vitae

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## **PREVIOUS POSITION AND CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

As Commander of First Army, the Army's Command responsible for mobilizing and training National Guard and Reserve troops, LTG Honoré oversaw the training and deployment of over 500,000 military Service members from all Services. This effort comprised the largest military deployment since World War II. Under LTG Honoré's leadership, First Army transformed from a Cold War, 20th Century-style organization to a state of the art, knowledge-based and collaborative environment, with knowledge and information sharing paramount. Specifically, LTG Honoré integrated all levels of Federal and State military command to ensure Reservists and National Guardsmen received the highest level of training and support possible prior to deployment. Special emphasis was placed on certifying for deployment approximately 70% of the Army's combat medical capability, and the overall medical readiness of all Service members mobilized in support of the Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt, Bosnia, and Guantanamo Bay operations. Day to day responsibilities included managing the operational activities of a cadre of over 9000 personnel, located throughout the world; executing a cumulative budget of approximately \$1.7 billion; directly guiding the teaching, training, and evaluation of over 500,000 troops; identifying, developing, and implementing leadership tools and techniques; and fostering sustainable community relations at the local, state, and national levels.

In 2005, LTG Honoré commanded Joint Task Force-Katrina. In that capacity, he led the Department of Defense response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, and directed the operations of over 22,000 Service members, 200 aircraft, and 20 ships. In accordance with the leadership and priorities established by LTG Honoré, Joint Task Force-Katrina collaborated with Federal, State and local authorities to coordinate and conduct all response, recovery, and mitigation operations.

LTG Honoré retired from the United States Army on February 29, 2008, following 37 years of active service. He now focuses exclusively on disaster preparedness, response, and recovery activities, with multi-sector integration of emergency management efforts

forming the basis of his many anticipated initiatives. Ultimately, LTG Honoré aims to engender within America a strong, integrated, and sustainable Culture of Preparedness. Active and focused involvement in the health care, corporate, non-profit, academic, and government sectors will provide the foundation for accomplishing this mission.

### **CIVILIAN EDUCATION**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Field of Study</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Year</b>
Southern University and A&M College	Vocational Agriculture	B.S.	1971
Troy State University	Human Resources	M.A.	1992
Southern University and A&M College	Public Policy	D.P.A (Hon)	2003
Stillman College	Laws	LL.D (Hon)	2006
Stillman College	Humane Letters	L.H.D (Hon)	2006
Virginia State University	Humane Letters	L.H.D. (Hon)	2008

### **MILITARY EDUCATION**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Field of Study</b>	<b>Year</b>
United States Army Command and General Staff College	Leadership/Military Operations	1983
Air War College	Leadership/Military Operations	1992
United States Army War College	Strategic Studies	M. Litt. (Hon) 2007

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>
First Army	Commanding General	2004 – 2008
Standing Joint Force Headquarters – HLS	Commanding General	2002 – 2004
2d Infantry Division	Commanding General	2000 – 2002
Joint Staff	Vice Director for Operations	1999 – 2000
United States Army Infantry	Dep. Commanding General/	1998 – 1999

Center and School	Assistant Commandant	
1 <sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division	Assistant Division Commander	1996 – 1998
1 <sup>st</sup> Brigade, 3d Infantry Div.	Commander	1994 – 1996
United States Army National Training Center	Sr. Mechanized Task Force Trainer	1992 – 1994
Air War College	Student	1991 – 1992
4 <sup>th</sup> Battalion, 16 <sup>th</sup> Infantry, 1 <sup>st</sup> Infantry Division (Forward) (Operations Desert Shield/Storm)	Commander	1989 – 1991
United States Army Command and General Staff College	Instructor (Tactical Dept.)	1986 – 1989
1 <sup>st</sup> Infantry Division	Chief, Operations	1984 – 1986
2d Battalion, 16 <sup>th</sup> Infantry, 1 <sup>st</sup> Infantry Division	Executive Officer	1983 – 1984
United States Army Command and General Staff College	Student	1982 – 1983
Allied Forces Central Europe	Aide-de-Camp to the Commander	1980 – 1982
1 <sup>st</sup> Infantry Division (Forward), United States Army Europe and Seventh Army	Assistant G-1 (Personnel)	1979 – 1980
C Company, 4 <sup>th</sup> Battalion, 5 <sup>th</sup> Infantry	Commander	1978 – 1979
United States Army Armor School	Instructor	1976 – 1978
Combat Support Company, 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion, 23d Infantry, 2d Infantry Division	Platoon Leader/Commander	1974 – 1976
E Troop, 9 <sup>th</sup> Cavalry, United States Army Combat Development Command	Executive Officer	1973 – 1974
Operations/Training Directorate, United States Army Combat Development Command	Operations Officer	1971 – 1973

## **FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

Adjunct Professor, Emory University School of Nursing (2008)

Visiting Professor, Emory University School of Public Health (2008)

Assistant Clinical Professor, Vanderbilt School of Nursing (2008)

Senior Mentor, Joint Forces Staff College (2008)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Guest Lecturer, “Public Health Aspects of Disaster Response,” Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, 2007 (academic instruction)

Guest Lecturer, Air Command and Staff College, 2007 (leadership in crisis)

Thesis Reader, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 2007 (thesis supervision)

Deputy Commander/Instructor, United States Army Infantry Center and School, 1998 – 1999 (academic instruction on the language and art of warfare/60,000 students per year/approximately 70 nations)

Senior Mechanized Task Force Trainer, United States Army National Training Center, 1992 – 1994 (clinical instruction on, and evaluation of, full spectrum of warfighting tactics, techniques, and procedures)

Instructor, Tactical Department, United States Army Command and General Staff College, 1986 – 1989 (academic instruction)

Instructor, Leadership Department, United States Army Armor School, 1976 – 1978 (academic instruction)

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Distinguished Alumnus, Thurgood Marshall College Fund Award (2007)

Key to the City, Riverdale, Georgia (2007)

Key to the City, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana (2007)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Mark Trail Award (2007)

Legacy Ladies Torch Award (2007)

Honorary Fellow Certificate, American Academy of Medical Administrators (2006)

National Association of Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, Southern University Alumni Federation, Distinguished Alumni Recognition (2006)

Blacks in Big Government Appreciation Award (2006)

Scales of Justice Award, Court TV (2006)

Key to the City, Chisholm, Minnesota (2006)

National Newspaper Publishers Association, Newsmaker of the Year Award (2006)

Greater Baton Rouge Italian-American Association, American Veterans Award (2006)

Key to the City, Thomasville, North Carolina (2006)

Pentagon Federal Credit Union Foundation, American Military Hero Award (2006)

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Humanitarian Award (2006)

Honorary Member, State of Tennessee Committee on Homeland Security (2006)

Abrams Leadership Award, Association of Corporate Growth and Financial Executives International (2006)

General Omar N. Bradley Spirit of Independence Award (2005)

Honorary State Senator, Louisiana State Senate (2004)

Instructor of the Year, United States Army Command and General Staff College (1989)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Commentary, Health Disparities: Barriers to a Culture of Preparedness, Journal of Public Health Management and Practice  
Warrior Ethos: Soul of an Infantryman, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, [www.tradoc.army.mil](http://www.tradoc.army.mil)  
Draconian Maintenance: A Smash-Mouth Approach to Tank Maintenance in the 2d Infantry Division, Center for Army Lessons Learned (2002)  
Joint Task Force – Katrina: See First, Understand First, Act First, Journal of the Department of Operational Art and Campaigning, National Defense University, Joint Advanced Warfighting School (2006) (with Mr. David Barnhill)  
Theater Immersion: Post-Mobilization Training in the First Army, Military Review (2005) (with Colonel Daniel L. Zajak, United States Army)  
Forging Provincial Reconstruction Teams, Joint Force Quarterly, National Defense University (2007) (with Colonel David V. Boslego, United States Army)  
Leadership: A Talking Points Series (2007)  
Homeland Security and Information Assurance, James Madison University, National Academy of Sciences Federal Facilities Council (publication pending)  
The Sunshine Patriot, Army War College (publication pending)

## **CONSULTATIONS**

American Red Cross (2008)  
Senior Scientist, Gallup (2008)  
Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation (2008)  
Solomon Technology Solutions (2008)  
Governor, State of Georgia (2007)  
Governor, State of Tennessee (2007)  
Member, Board of Directors, Crawford & Company ([www.crawfordandcompany.com](http://www.crawfordandcompany.com)), 2009 to present

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

General Honoré is authoring a book on creating a culture of preparedness in America through engagement with government, civic, and business leaders, and through focus on lessons learned from emergency management efforts in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The title of the book is “Survival: How a Culture of Preparedness Can Save America--and You--from Disasters.”

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Presentations delivered to the audiences below addressed a wide range of topics, including leadership principles and practices; professional development and mentoring; disaster preparedness in the public and private sectors; emergency management; and military training and readiness.

### **Academic Institutions**

Bauder College (2008)  
University of Arkansas (2008)  
Georgia Coastal Community Colleges (2008)  
Spelman College (2008)  
Hinds Community College (2008)  
Old Dominion University (2008)  
Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center (2008)  
Syracuse University National Security Program (2008)  
Harvard School of Public Health, National Preparedness Leadership Initiative (2007)  
James Madison University, National Academy of Sciences Federal Facilities Council (2007)  
George Washington University, DoD National Security Study Program (2007)  
University of Michigan (2007)  
United States Air Force Academy, 2007 (leadership in crisis)  
Army War College Distance Learning Program (2007)  
Southeastern Louisiana University at Hammond, Commencement Speaker (2007)  
Baton Rouge General Family Medicine Residency Program (2007)  
Clark Atlanta University School of Business, 2007 (Dean's Executive Leadership Series)  
Southern University at Baton Rouge (2007; commencement speaker 2003)  
Madera County School District, Madera, California (2007)  
Emory University, Triangle Lecture Series (2006)  
Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama (2006)  
National War College, Washington, DC (2006)  
North Georgia College and State University (2006)  
Stillman College, Commencement Speaker (2006)  
Troy University, Commencement Speaker (2006)  
Fayetteville University, North Carolina (2006)  
United States Military Academy (2006) (leadership forum)  
Southern University Board of Supervisors Meeting (2005)

### **Government, Civic, and Religious Organizations**

National Guard Association (2008)  
South Carolina National Guard (2008)  
Boys and Girls Clubs of America (2008)  
Unity Conference (2008)  
Department of the Army Equal Employment Opportunity Conference (2008)

Illinois Public Health Association (2008)  
National Medical Association (2008)  
Senator Johnny Isakson (2008)  
Business Executives in National Security (2008)  
National Food Service Security Council (2008)  
Carl Holmes Executive Development Institute (2008)  
Veterans Administration Public Affairs Training (2008)  
Association of Public Safety Commissioners (2008)  
Institute for Defense and Business (2008)  
Institute for Defense Analysis (2008)  
Georgia Memorial Day Event (2008)  
New York Society of Association Executives (2008)  
William J. Clinton Foundation (2008)  
American Red Cross (2008)  
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Security (2008)  
Boy Scouts of America – Mobile, Alabama (2008)  
Georgia CIO Leadership Association (2008)  
Mount Olive Baptist Church (2008)  
Rotary Clubs (2008)  
Centers for Disease Control (2007)  
Department of Justice, Diversity Day Program (2007)  
California Center for Justice (2007)  
Interdenominational Theological Center (2007)  
Cascade United Methodist Church (2007)  
Ebenezer Baptist Church (2007)  
National Preparedness Leadership Initiative (2007)  
National Press Club (2007)  
Georgia Leadership Forum, Georgia Leadership Institute (preparedness/leadership in crisis (2007)  
General Hugh Shelton Leadership Forum (2007, 2006)  
National 4-H Congress (2007, 2006, 2005)  
Mississippi Governor’s Annual Homeland Security Conference (2006)  
Church of the Master Presbyterian Church USA (2006)  
American Academy of Medical Administrators (2006)  
Louisiana State Future Farmers of America Convention (2006)  
Boy Scouts of America Council (2006)  
Los Angeles, California, Police Department Graduation (2006)  
Home Health Care Association (2006)  
Rocks, Inc.(non-profit professional development organization) (2006)  
Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference (2006)  
Young Presidents’ Organization (2006)  
Old Dominion Bar Association (2006)  
White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (2005)

**Corporations**

General Electric Company (2008)

Virginia Power (2008)  
Covenant Health Care (2008)  
Master Card International (2008)  
Bennett International Group (2008)  
Delta Airlines (2008)  
Houston GPC (2008)  
Miller Brewing (2008)  
Firestorm Solutions (2008)  
National Rural Utilities (2008)  
Southeastern Electric Company (2008)  
Schneider Logistics Carrier Symposium (2007)  
AT&T Southeast Regional Leadership (2007)  
Coca-Cola Company (2007, 2006)  
Georgia Power (2007, 2005)  
Microsoft, Inc., General Officers and Executive Leadership Summit (2006)  
Cable News Network Editorial Board (2006)  
Center for Creative Leadership (2006)  
Times Picayune Editorial Board (2005)  
Environmental Systems Research Institute (2007, 2006, 2005, 2004)

#### **Atlanta Area**

Boys and Girls Club of Atlanta (2008)  
Atlanta Police Department (2007)  
Veterans of Foreign Wars (2007)  
Atlanta Veterans Administration Center (2006)  
Association of Corporate Growth and Financial Executives International, Atlanta Chapter  
(2006)  
American Legion Post 91 (2006)  
Military Order of World Wars (2006)

#### **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

Cable News Network Contributor (2008)  
Chicago Defender (2008)  
Citizen Newspaper (2008)  
N'Digo (2008)  
WVON Radio (2008)  
National Public Radio (2008)  
C-SPAN (2008)  
In Hot Water" - Atlanta Climate Change and Media Event (2008)  
Art Fennell Reports (2008)  
The MANCOW Show (2008)  
The Jerry Doyle Show (2008)

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE**

Fountain Elementary School Mentoring Program (2004 – Present)  
Veterans Administration Volunteer Program (2004 – Present)

### **MILITARY AWARDS AND BADGES**

Defense Distinguished Service Medal (one oak leaf cluster)  
Distinguished Service Medal  
Defense Superior Service Medal  
Legion of Merit (four oak leaf clusters)  
Bronze Star Medal  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal (three oak leaf clusters)  
Army Commendation Medal (three oak leaf clusters)  
Army Achievement Medal  
National Defense Service Medal (two bronze service stars)  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Southwest Asia Service Medal (one bronze service star)  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Korean Defense Service Medal  
Armed Forces Service Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Army Service Ribbon  
Overseas Service Ribbon (four)  
Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi)  
Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)  
Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Expert Infantry Badge  
Parachutist Badge  
Joint Staff Identification Badge

### **MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Association of the United States Army  
National Infantry Association  
American Red Cross

### **CONSULTING AND LECTURE INTERESTS**

Homeland Defense and Homeland Security  
Home and Community Preparedness  
Creating a Culture of Preparedness  
Lessons Learned: Hurricanes Katrina and Rita  
Multi-Sector Preparedness Integration  
Motivational Speaking: Leadership, Management, Organization  
Selected Topics: United States Armed Forces as a Part of National Power

**TEACHING INTERESTS**

Leadership Principles and Practice  
Leadership in the Midst of Crisis  
Management Principles and Practice  
Crisis Management  
Creating a Culture of Preparedness  
Lessons Learned: Hurricanes Katrina and Rita  
Risk Communications  
Government Operations  
Public Health Aspects of Disaster Management  
Military History  
The Role of the United States Military in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Preparedness Aspects of Homeland Defense and Homeland Security  
Media Relations: Actions on Contact