



MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD
MAJOR GENERAL
John T. Kelly
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL,
MISSISSIPPI

Major General “Trent” Kelly was appointed Assistant Adjutant General for the Mississippi Army National Guard on September 3, 2020. As the Assistant Adjutant General, he guides formulation, development, and implementation of all programs and policies affecting the Mississippi Army National Guard and its nearly 10,000 Citizen Soldiers.

He is a Union, Mississippi native and is a graduate of Union High School. He earned an associate degree from East Central Community College and a bachelor's degree and Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi.

Major General Kelly enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard in 1985 and was commissioned in 1988. Major General Kelly is a career engineer who has served in various positions of increasing responsibility, including command at the company, battalion, and brigade levels. MG Kelly's military awards include the Legion of Merit, Two Bronze Star Medals, a Combat Action Badge, and many other awards and ribbons. In 1990, he mobilized for Desert Storm as an Engineer Second Lieutenant. In 2005, he deployed to Iraq with the 155th Brigade as the Operations Officer of the 150th Engineer Battalion. From 2009 to 2010, he deployed to Iraq as the Battalion Commander of Task Force Knight of the 155th Brigade Combat Team. In 2012, as a COL, MG Kelly took command of the 168th Engineer Brigade headquartered in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

In 2015, he was elected by constituents of the First Congressional District of Mississippi to serve in the 114th Congress in the United States House of Representatives. Today, Congressman Kelly serves on the House Armed Services Committee, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, and serves the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Agriculture Committee.