

Brigadier General James E. Archer
Division Commander
95th Division (Institutional Training)

Brigadier General James E. Archer was born in Johnson City, Tennessee on 2 May 1950. He was a distinguished military graduate, commissioned in the Regular Army in Armor Branch through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) on 2 August 1972. As a cadet, he was named the outstanding cadet in First Army area at Advanced Camp in 1971 and was subsequently named one of two outstanding Armor lieutenants entering active duty by the Armor Association. General Archer has subsequently served for over 31 years in the Active Component, National Guard, and Army Reserve.

BG Archer began his military career on active duty and initially served as an Armored Cavalry Platoon Leader in B Troop, 3-7 Cavalry, 3rd Infantry Division, Federal Republic of Germany. He later served as S-3, Air, S-1, and Squadron Maintenance Officer. He joined the Pennsylvania Army National Guard (PAARNG) in 1979 as a member of the 1st Squadron, 104th Cavalry, 28th Infantry Division. He Served as Troop Commander and was subsequently Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, 28th Infantry Division.

BG Archer transferred to the 80th Division (Training), USAR, in 1984 where he served in the Training Group as Operations/Training Officer and Brigade S-1. In 1987, General Archer became a Reserve Forces Officer (IMA) in the Selective Service System (Tennessee) and served as MEPS Liaison Officer, Area Office Manager, and Detachment Commander. Rejoining the 80th Division (Training) in 1993, he served as Commander, 3rd Battalion, 319th Infantry (OSUT), in the 2nd Brigade. Other key assignments include Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, and Chief of Staff. In May 2001, General Archer became Assistant Division Commander-Operations, 95th Division (Institutional Training), his current assignment.

BG Archer's military education includes Airborne School, Armor Officer Basic Course, Motor Officer Course, Air/Ground Operations Course, Armor Officer Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College, Battalion/Brigade Pre-Command Course, and the Army War College. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (with four oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Medal, Overseas Medal, and Parachute Badge.

BG Archer is a Virginia Tech graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research. He also has an MBA degree from Emory University. BG Archer is employed as Executive Vice-President of Sales and Marketing in his family's wholesale beverage distribution business in Salem, Virginia.

He is married to the former Nancy L. Bekius, has two children, Leigh A. Brabrand and James J. Archer, and one grand child, Lauren Grace Brabrand.