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### BIOGRAPHY

## MAJOR GENERAL JOHN BASILICA JR. (ARNGUS)



### **Commander, Operational Command Post 1, U.S. Army North**

Major General Basilica assumed command of Operational Command Post 1 on 1 March 2008. In Louisiana, his full time position is Director of the State Military Department. His previous assignment was Director of Logistics (J-4) for the National Guard Bureau. Prior to his assignment with NGB he commanded the 256<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team during Operation Iraqi Freedom III in support of Task Force Baghdad.

For thirteen years, he held various executive-level positions within the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to include Chief of Staff, Undersecretary, and Interim Secretary. Upon return from his combat tour, he accepted a full time position with the Louisiana National Guard and was immediately appointed Commander of Joint Task Force Pelican, charged with leading the National Guard Hurricane Katrina/Rita relief efforts.

He was commissioned in 1978 upon graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He served for 10 years on Active Duty with the 9th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington, holding assignments as Rifle Platoon Leader, Scout Platoon Leader, XO and Company Commander. He later served in Germany with the 21st Support Command as the Chief, War Plans Division. From 1989 to 1991 he served in the Connecticut Army National Guard as Battalion Operations Officer and Executive Officer with the 242nd Engineer Battalion. Since his appointment to the Louisiana Army National Guard in 1992, his assignments have included: Commander – 769th Engineer Battalion, Commander - 3rd Battalion 156th Infantry (Mechanized), Commander - 225th Engineer Group and Commander 256th Separate Infantry Brigade (Mechanized).

He holds a Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Military Academy and a Masters Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College.

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**MILITARY SCHOOLS COMPLETED**

Airborne Course  
Infantry Officer Basic Course  
Engineer Officer Advanced Course  
Combined Arms & Services Staff School  
Command & General Staff Officer Course  
U.S. Army War College

**EDUCATION DEGREES**

1978 U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York – Bachelor of Science Degree  
1985 University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland – Master of Science – Civil Engineering

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant RA, 7 June 78  
First Lieutenant RA, 7 June 80  
Captain RA, 1 January 82  
Major ARNG, 29 August 89  
Lieutenant Colonel ARNG, 14 September 93  
Colonel ARNG, 15 April 98  
Brigadier General ARNG, 6 October 00  
Major General ARNG, 1 April 07

**MAJOR DUTY ASSIGNMENTS**

<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>TO</u></b>	<b><u>ASSIGNMENT</u></b>
<b><u>ACTIVE DUTY</u></b>		
June 78	July 78	Casual
July 78	October 78	Student, United States Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia
October 78	November 78	Casual
November 78	September 79	Rifle Platoon Leader, Company C, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion 39 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington
September 79	February 80	Executive Officer, Company C, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 39 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington

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February 80	October 80	Support Platoon Leader, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 39 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington
October 80	February 81	Scout Platoon Leader Combat Support Company, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 39 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington
February 81	January 83	Company Commander, Company B, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 39 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington
January 83	May 83	Company Commander, Company B, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington
May 83	November 83	Student, U.S. Army Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia
January 84	May 85	Student, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland
May 85	July 85	Student, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Combined Arms and Services Staff School
July 85	October 87	Engineer Exercise Officer, Assistant Chief of Staff for Engineering and Housing, 21 <sup>st</sup> Support Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany
October 87	June 88	Chief, War Plans Division, Assistant Chief of Staff for Engineering and Housing, 21 <sup>st</sup> Support Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany
June 88	June 88	Casual
<b><u>USAR – NOT ON ACTIVE DUTY</u></b>		
June 88	December 88	Control Group (Ready Reserve)

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December 88      January 89      Attached from Control Group (Ready Reserve) to Division Maneuver Team Command, Cranston, Rhode Island

January 89      February 89      Control Group (Ready Reserve)

**ARNG – NOT ON ACTIVE DUTY**

February 89      November 89      S-2, Troop Command, Connecticut State Area Command, New London, Connecticut

December 89      July 90      S-3, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 242<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Battalion, Stratford, Connecticut

July 90      February 91      Executive Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 242<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Battalion, Stratford, Connecticut

February 91      March 91      Authorized Overstrength, Executive Officer, Headquarters Headquarters Company, 242<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Battalion, Stratford, Connecticut

**USAR – NOT ON ACTIVE DUTY**

April 91      May 91      Control Group (Ready Reserve)

May 91      April 92      Plans Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 416<sup>th</sup> Engineer Command, Chicago, Illinois

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May 92      October 92      Engineer Equipment Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 225<sup>th</sup> Engineer Group, Pineville, Louisiana

October 92      July 95      Battalion Commander, 769<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Heavy), Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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August 95	August 97	Battalion Commander, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 156 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, Lake Charles, Louisiana
August 97	September 97	Chief, Plans and Training Division, Detachment 1, Headquarters State Area Command, Pineville, Louisiana (Attached to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 225 <sup>th</sup> Engineer Group)
September 97	October 97	Defense Movement Coordinator, Headquarters State Area Command, New Orleans, Louisiana (Attached to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 225 <sup>th</sup> Engineer Group, Pineville, Louisiana)
October 97	February 99	Commander, 225 <sup>th</sup> Engineer Group, Pineville, Louisiana
March 99	May 04	Commander, 256 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade (Mechanized), Lafayette, Louisiana

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May 04	October 04	Commander, 256 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) Ft. Hood, Texas
October 04	October 05	Commander, 256 <sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team, Task Force Baghdad, Baghdad, Iraq

**ARNG – ON ACTIVE DUTY**

October 05	February 06	Commander, Joint Task Force Pelican, Carville, Louisiana
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**ARNG – NOT ON ACTIVE DUTY**

February 06	September 06	Commander, 256 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade (Mechanized), Lafayette, Louisiana
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September 06	April 07	Director, Joint Staff-Joint Force Headquarters - Louisiana, Pineville, Louisiana
Apr 07	Feb 08	Director of Logistics (J-4), National Guard Bureau, Washington, D.C.
Mar 08	Present	Operational Command Post 1 (OCP 1) (Task Force) Commander (RC), US Army North (Fifth Army), Fort Sam Houston, Texas

### **US DECORATIONS AND BADGES**

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster)

Army Achievement Medal

Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters)

National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Service Star)

Iraq Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster)

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with "M" device and Bronze Hour Glass)

Army Service Ribbon

Overseas Service Ribbon

Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (with Numeral 2)

Expert Infantryman Badge

Combat Action Badge

Parachutists Badge

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