

Lieutenant Colonel Curtis J. Garrette is a native of Lexington, MS. He enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard in 1989 as a Cannon Crewman in Charlie Battery, 2-114th Field Artillery. LTC Garrette graduated OCS in July 1999 and was assigned as a Platoon Leader, 113th Military Police Company. Since that time, he has served in various positions of increased responsibility to include: Fire Direction Officer, A Battery, 1-114th Field Artillery; HHD Commander and Training Officer, 112th MP Battalion (deployed Iraq); Commander, 114th MP Company; Officer Strength Manager for the Mississippi Recruiting and Retention Battalion; Mobilization Operations Chief for the 177th Armored Brigade; Deputy G4 for the 184th Expeditionary Sustainment Command; Administrative Officer and Executive Officer for the 298th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion; S4 Officer for the 168th Engineer Brigade; Deputy IG MSNG, and Commander, 112th MP Battalion. During his career he has deployed twice, overseas to Iraq in 2004 and the Southwest Border in 2023. He has also participated in several presidential and governor inaugurations, hurricane responses, and other disaster response missions.

Lieutenant Colonel Garrette holds a Bachelor of Political Science and Master's degree in Sociology, both from Jackson State University. He is also a graduate of the Mississippi Department of Corrections training Academy and the Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Academy. Lieutenant Colonel Garrette's professional military education include: Primary Leadership and Development Course (PLDC), Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course (BNCOC), the Military Police Basic and Advanced Courses, Transportation Captains Career Course, Human Resource Management Course, Reserve Component Theater Sustainment Course, Command and General Staff College (CGSC), Intermediate Level Education Common Core (ILE), Advanced Operations Course, Support Operations Course, Reserve Component National Defense Security Course, Inspector General Course, and the Military Police Battalion Commanders' Course.

Lieutenant Colonel Garrette's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Silver Hourglass Device and M Device and Numeral 2, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Mississippi Magnolia Medal, Mississippi Commendation Medal, Mississippi War Medal, Mississippi Emergency Service Medal, and the Mississippi Longevity Medal

LTC Garrette is married to the former Amanda Powels, and they have three children and six grandchildren.