



**MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD
BRIGADIER GENERAL
JAMES “JAMIE” HANKINS
Director of Joint Staff, JFHQ – MS**

Brig. Gen. James “Jamie” Hankins received a commission in the U.S. Army in December 1994 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Southern Mississippi. He entered active duty in January 1995 and attended the Army Medical Department Officer Basic Course before reporting to Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Hankins served as a Detachment Executive Officer and Assistant S-2/3 for the 86th Combat Support Hospital. He was later assigned as the Medical Platoon Leader for 1/327th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). In July 1997, Hankins deployed with Task Force 1/327 in support of the Multinational Force and Observers mission in Sinai, Egypt. Following active duty, Hankins joined the Mississippi National Guard in 2002. After completing the Military Intelligence Tactician Course and MI Captain’s Career Course, he transferred from the Medical Service Corps to the Military Intelligence branch. He served as the MI Detachment Commander for 2/20th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and deployed to Uzbekistan and Afghanistan in 2003 in support of counterterrorism operations. In 2006, Hankins deployed again with 2/20th SFG to Afghanistan as the Battalion S-2. From 2008 to 2010, Hankins was assigned as the Deputy J-2 for the Mississippi National Guard. In this capacity, Hankins supported numerous domestic emergency response missions including hurricane relief operations and operations following the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

In 2010, Hankins was assigned to Special Operations Detachment-South (SOD-S), where he served in numerous positions. In 2017, Hankins deployed with SOD-S in support of counter-ISIS operations, serving as the Director of Intelligence for the Special Operations Joint Task Force– Operation Inherent Resolve (Iraq). He served as the G-2 and Senior Intelligence Officer at the MSNG Joint Force Headquarters from April 2019 to July 2022. In August 2022, Hankins returned to SOD-S, serving as the commander until November 2024. Hankins currently serves as the Director of Joint Staff, MSNG and Land Component Commander.

During his career, Hankins participated in overseas training missions in South Korea, the Indo-Pacific region, and various countries in South America. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi, a Master of Business Administration and Accounting degree from Millsaps College, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Star Medals, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, the Combat Action Badge, Expert Field Medical Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, numerous foreign jump wings, and other federal and state awards.