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Texas National Guard Soldier Promoted to Brigadier General

AUSTIN, Texas (Jan. 24, 2020) – In a ceremony at MacDill AFB, the U.S. Army Commander Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, Maj. Gen. Sean M. Jenkins and U.S. Army Commander Joint Task Force-Civil Support, Maj. Gen. William A. Hall honored the promotion of Col. Stephanie A. Purgerson to the rank of brigadier general. Brig. Gen. Purgerson is Vice Commander of Joint Enabling Capabilities Command (JECC) in Norfolk, Virginia. As Vice Commander, Purgerson is responsible for the oversight of all planning, coordinating and synchronizing for the service reserve component commands that support JECC.

In 1997, she transitioned to the Texas Army National Guard where she held a number of positions. She served as the Executive Officer for A Company, 372nd Forward Support Battalion (FSB), Dallas, Texas; Commander and S1, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 372nd FSB, Dallas; Commander, B Company, 372nd FSB, Dallas; and S4, 372nd FSB, Dallas. Her next assignments were the S&S Officer and General Supply Officer, 49th Armored Division Support Command, Austin, Texas; the S2/3 and the Battalion Executive Officer, respectively, 949th Brigade Support Battalion, Fort Worth, Texas; and the newly formed 36th Sustainment Brigade as the Deputy Support Operations Officer in Temple, Texas. She was then selected as the 949th Brigade Support Battalion Commander where she deployed her battalion in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in various locations across Iraq.

Following her 949th command tour, she served as the Brigade S4, 136th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade in Round Rock, Texas. Upon completing command, she transitioned to the National Guard Bureau as the J1 Chief of Strategy and Policy in Arlington, Virginia. She returned to Texas and served as the J5 in Joint Forces Headquarters Texas until her current assignment as the Vice Commander of JECC.

Purgerson has received a number of awards including the Bronze Star Medal (2 oak leaf clusters), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (2 oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (1 oak leaf cluster), the Army Achievement Medal (2 oak leaf clusters), the National Defense Service Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Afghanistan Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal and the Order of Saint Martin.

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Purgerson was commissioned through the Army ROTC from Clarion University of Pennsylvania where she earned a bachelor's degree in Biology. She holds two master's degrees from Murray State University and from the U.S. Army War College.

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