

## The Inspector General Lieutenant General Peter M. Vangjel



Lieutenant General Peter M. Vangjel was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery following graduation as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of New Hampshire ROTC in 1977. As a lieutenant he served in various assignments in Cakmakli, Turkey, and Fort Bragg. As a captain he commanded field artillery batteries at Fort Bragg and in Germany as well as a recruiting company in Ohio. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, LTG Vangjel served with 1st Battalion, 27th Field Artillery as the Battalion Executive Officer. After attending Command and General Staff College (CGSC) he served as the Executive Assistant to the Director, Strategy, Plans, and Policy, J-5, the Joint Staff. He then took command of 5th Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery (MLRS) at Fort Sill from July 1994 to July 1996. After command, LTG Vangjel served as the Field Artillery Colonels Assignment Officer at Human Resources Command.

He attended the National War College in 1998, followed by a second tour at Fort Bragg where he served as the Senior Plans Officer in the 1st Battlefield Coordination Detachment, XVIII Airborne Corps, and later took command of the 18th Field Artillery Brigade (Airborne) in June 1999. After brigade command, LTG Vangjel served as the Chief of Staff, 1st Infantry Division in Germany through July 2003. He then returned to the United States where he was assigned as the Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox. He took command of the XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery in 2004 and later deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Effects Coordinator for Multi-National Corps-Iraq through February 2006. Following his tour in Iraq, LTG Vangjel served as the Director, Strategy, Plans, and Policy, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 in Washington, DC.

In September of 2007, LTG Vangjel assumed command of the Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill and served as the Commanding General until August of 2009. LTG Vangjel then became the Deputy Commanding General of Third Army / United States Army Central, at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait in September 2009. LTG Vangjel served as Deputy Commanding General from 2009 until September of 2011. During that two year deployment he served in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait. After returning to the United States, LTG Vangjel was nominated and confirmed to serve as The Army's Inspector General. On 14 November 2011, LTG Vangjel became the 64<sup>th</sup> – The Inspector General of the United States Army.

LTG Vangjel's military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit with 3 oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, the Army Staff Badge, the Recruiting Badge, and the Master Parachutist Badge.

He has been married to his wife Joanne for 34 years. They have 3 children: Peter, an Army Captain; Matthew, a college trumpet professor, and Jennifer, wife of an Air Force Special Operations pilot.