

The Adjutant General of the Virgin Islands Brigadier General (VI) Deborah Y. Howell

Brigadier General (VI) Deborah Howell was born to Alfred E.D. Francis and Christinita Stevens Scatliffe (deceased) 23 October, 1960 in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands. She Graduated from the Charlotte Amalie High School. General Howell holds a Bachelors of Arts degree in Business Management from the University of the Virgin Islands and a Master of Science degree in General Administration from Central Michigan University.

Her military education includes Army Management Staff College, Army Installation Management and Command & General Staff Officer Course. The pinnacle of her military education was graduation from the prestigious U.S. Army War College Fellowship Program at the University of Texas where she honed and advanced her military skills.



General Howell has held a variety of command and staff positions. She graduated from the Virgin Islands Military Academy First Officer Candidate School and was direct commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1982 within the Virgin Islands National Guard and served as Platoon leader for the 662nd Field Service Company, then as Community Relations Officer, 658th Public Relations Officer in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. She was later reassigned as the S-1, for Troop Command, St. Croix; Selective Safety Officer; Commander, 662nd; Supply Management Officer; Supervisory Logistics Officer; Assistant USP&FO; Battalion Commander-104th Troop Command; Assistant USPFO for Virgin Islands and Chief of Staff, Joint Force Headquarters to 2008. She spent her final year in the organization as Executive Assistant to The Adjutant General.

Brigadier General Howell retired from the Virgin Islands National Guard in June 2010. Shortly thereafter, she joined the Virgin Islands Government as Chief of Staff to Senator Kenneth Gittens in the 30th and 31st Legislature. Her tenacious, methodical efforts in effecting organization and change within this office were noted and lauded by the inner circles of Government, both at the local and federal levels. Within a few months of the Senator's second term in office, she was recruited by Governor Kenneth E. Mapp to serve as The Adjutant General, Virgin Islands. At this position, General Howell assumed territorial responsibility for the day-to-day coordination, execution and management of the Virgin Islands Army and Air National Guard; their readiness in manpower, equipment and for emergency and security plans.

General Howell's military decorations include: the Meritorious Service Medal with 1 bronze 2OLC, Army Achievement Medal with 2Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Silver Hourglass Device, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Army Service Medal.

General Howell is married with two daughters and three sons.

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