

Biographies: Governor Mike Pence's guests at the 2016 State of the State Address

MAJOR GENERAL COURTNEY CARR: The Adjutant General – Indiana National Guard Ft. Wayne, Indiana

As The Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Carr's primary focus is to lead the Indiana Army and Air National Guard, the Indiana Guard Reserve and state employees all totaling more than 14,000 personnel. Maj. Gen. Carr previously served as Deputy Director of Operations, Readiness and Mobilization, Headquarters Department of the Army, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff G-3/5/7. As the Deputy Director, he supported Title 10 functions associated with Army current operations, force readiness, mobilization, military support to civil authorities, and anti-terrorism/force protection. He concurrently served as the G-39 responsible for information operations, electronic warfare, and special technical operations. He served as the Army's representative to Counter Radio Controlled Improvised Explosive Device Electronic Warfare and Explosive Ordinance Device program boards. General Carr also supported and supervised the United States Military Observers Group - Washington. He oversaw the development of plans and execution of all actions by the twelve Divisions and two Field Operating Agencies within the Directorate. Other notable assignments include serving as the Director, G34 (Force Protection), responsible for integrating and synchronizing all components of the Army Protection Program to ensure unity of effort among Headquarters Department of the Army Principal Officials, Army Commands and other Army organizations.

General Carr began his career upon commissioning as a Regular Army officer on 25 May 1983 from United States Military Academy at West Point. He has successfully commanded an Infantry Battalion in Bosnia, an Infantry Brigade in Iraq and Indiana's Joint Task Force for Domestic Operations. Major General Courtney P. Carr was appointed as the Adjutant General of Indiana on May 30, 2015 by Gov. Michael R. Pence.

COLONEL PATRICK R. RENWICK: Commander – 122nd Fighter Wing Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Colonel Patrick R. Renwick is Commander of the Indiana Air National Guard's 122nd Fighter Wing, Fort Wayne, Ind. Col Renwick assumed his current position with the 122nd Fighter Wing on 13 September 2014, after serving as Vice Commander of the 181st Intelligence Wing.

Col Renwick began his military career in November 1988, with the United States Air Force, when he was selected to attend Officer Training School at Medina Annex, Lackland AFB, TX. He earned his commission of Second Lieutenant in March of 1989, and immediately attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Vance Air Force Base, Okla. Col Renwick served as an A/OA-10 Forward Air Controller, Instructor Pilot, Combat Search and Rescue Pilot, Squadron and Group Scheduler, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation and Flight Safety Officer while on active duty. In 1998 he transitioned to the Indiana Air National Guard, 181st Fighter Wing, Terre Haute, Ind. as an Assistant Flight Commander for the F-16C.

Positions held while in the Indiana Air National Guard include Weapons and Tactics Officer, Assistant Flight Commander, 113th Fighter Squadron Chief of Training, 181st Fighter Wing Chief of Safety, 181st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander and 113th Air Support Operations Squadron Commander, 181st Intelligence Wing Vice Commander, 122nd Fighter Wing Commander.

**CAPTAIN SARAH E. JONES: Officer in Charge – 122d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Ft. Wayne, Indiana**

Captain Sarah Jones is OIC within the 122d Aircraft Maintenance squadron located at the 122d Fighter Wing in Fort Wayne Indiana. In this position she oversees large portions of maintenance practices for 20 A-10C Aircraft valued at over \$225 Million as well as directing scheduling, training and duty assignments for 173 Maintenance Personnel.

Captain Jones was born and grew up in Fort Wayne Indiana, enlisting into the 122d fighter wing in April 2001. She served as a traditional Guardsmen until 2004 when she was hired into a full time base position within the equipment and tools section. In 2007 she graduated from Indiana University, Fort Wayne and received her commissioning as a second lieutenant in 2009 through the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science Course.

Throughout her career she has deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and Inherent Resolve. During her most recent deployment from October 2014 to April 2015 she served as the Aircraft Maintenance Unit OIC leading a two phase, six-month deployment to Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan and then to Al Jaber Air Base Kuwait.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

- Air Force Achievement Medal
- Air Force Commendation Medal

Captain Jones was named the Company Grade Officer of the Year for the 122nd Fighter Wing.

**JEAN RUSSELL: Indiana 2016 Teacher of the Year
Fort Wayne, Indiana**

Jean Russell is an Indiana educator whose motto is to “live with the heart of a servant”. She graduated from University of Illinois in 1990 and received her Masters of Education from Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne campus in 1997.

After 21 years of elementary classroom experience, she is in her fifth year as a literacy instructional coach at Haverhill Elementary School in Southwest Allen County Schools. Her passion for helping all students to love reading and to live the life of a writer inspires each class she has the privilege of serving.

She is an enthusiastic cheerleader for the teachers she coaches, the parents she educates, and the students she loves! She received the Teacher of the Year award at her school in 1997 and 2015, and for her district in 2015. She was named Indiana Teacher of the Year on October 5, 2015.

Governor Mike Pence presented Jean Russell with the Sagamore of the Wabash Award on October 28, 2015.

**REVEREND CHARLES R. HARRISON: Senior Pastor, Barnes United Methodist Church and Board of Directors president, Indianapolis Ten Point Coalition
Indianapolis, IN**

Rev. Charles R. Harrison is the Senior Pastor of Barnes United Methodist Church and has been in the ministry for 30 years. He is a native of Jeffersonville, Indiana. He graduated from Indiana University, where he earned a degree in Religious Studies and attended Methodist Theological School, where he received his Masters of Divinity.

Rev. Harrison began his career in 1984 at Wiley United Methodist Church in Springfield, Ohio, as a Student Associate Minister. He served as a Student Pastor of Lee Avenue United Methodist Church in Columbus, Ohio in 1985. He became the Pastor of Wiley United Methodist Church in New Castle, Indiana in 1986. In 1993 he became the pastor of Barnes United Methodist Church where he currently serves as the Senior Pastor.

Rev. Harrison has been actively involved in community affairs. In 1986, he was an intricate part in the hiring of the first Afro-American police officer and two firemen for the city of New Castle. He currently is the President of the Board of Directors for Indianapolis Ten Point Coalition and he is a Chaplain for the Indiana State Police. He is currently a member of the following Board of Directors: Metro Ministry, Board of Ordain Ministry of the South Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church and the District Board of Ordain Ministry Indianapolis West District. He is also a member of the "Ministers on the Move." Rev. Harrison was also a member of the following Board of Directors: Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center and Mapleton Fall Creek Neighborhood Association.

His awards and recognitions include: Ecumenical Service Award, Denman Evangelism Award (South Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church), Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major Award, Sagamore of the Wabash, The Distinguished Hoosier Award, Howard Thurman Preaching Award, Circle City Frontier Drum Major Award in Religion, and the Distinguished Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Award.

Pastor Charles R. Harrison is married to Fawn Porter-Harrison, and they are the parents of Terrell, Shayla, Jeremyon and Jaylyn.

**SHARON BLAIR
Spencer, IN**

For nearly seven years, Sharon Blair has advocated on behalf of individuals and families struggling with addiction to drugs and alcohol.

Sharon's daughter, Jennifer, passed away on January 15, 2009, at the age of 29, due to addiction. Since then, Sharon has sought changes to Indiana law to prevent others from facing the same struggles her family went through.

Her efforts resulted in legislation known as "The Jennifer Act" being signed into law by Governor Mike Pence in 2015.

The Jennifer Act allows Medicaid to cover inpatient substance abuse detoxification services and requires judges, prosecutors, and public defenders to be educated on the use of diversion and other probationary programs, medication assisted treatment options, and civil commitment option in cases involving persons with addictive disorders.

JUSTIN PHILLIPS***Indianapolis, IN***

Justin Philips has been an advocate for families and individuals impacted by addiction since the death of her son Aaron. Aaron passed away at the age of 20 in 2013 due to a heroin overdose.

Justin founded a non-profit, Overdose Lifeline, Inc. in the summer of 2014 to raise awareness and provide a voice for families struggling with addiction. Her work to prevent more overdose deaths led to Aaron's Law being signed in April 2015.

Aaron's Law allows healthcare providers to provide a standing order for naloxone to registered entities so they can dispense it to Hoosiers without a prescription. Naloxone is a non-narcotic medication that serves as an antidote for opioid overdoses. If administered in a timely manner, naloxone can reverse the life-threatening respiratory failure that is usually the cause of overdose deaths.