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Wilson County native promoted to Chief Warrant Officer 5

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – During a ceremony held at Nashville’s Joint Forces Headquarters on August 6, Lance Jenkins, a Mt. Juliet native who is the Command Chief Warrant Officer for the Tennessee Military Department, was promoted to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 5 by Maj. Gen. Jimmie Cole, Tennessee’s Deputy Adjutant General.

“Jenkins is a selfless and talented leader who always put his Soldiers, and their families, first,” said Cole as he presided over the ceremony. “This is the highest rank a warrant officer can aspire to, taking great sacrifice and hard work to reach this level, and no one is more deserving of this honor than Lance.”

During the ceremony, Jenkins thanked everyone for their support throughout his career and had his new rank pinned on by his wife, Heidi, and his daughter, Brittney.

“I’ve been blessed to work with, and for, so many great Soldiers and leaders,” said Jenkins. “Without them, and the incredible support and sacrifice from my wife and family, I would not be here today.”

As Tennessee’s Command Chief Warrant Officer, Jenkins is the senior Warrant Officer in the state and provides senior level counsel to Tennessee’s Adjutant General and Assistant Adjutant General-Army on the supervision and training of all Tennessee Warrant Officers.

“It is a privilege to serve our state which has been so good to me and my family,” said Jenkins. “I never thought I would have the opportunity to do this for as long as I have, and I feel blessed for it.”

Jenkins has served in the military for nearly 35 years, first enlisting in the Tennessee National Guard in 1989 as an M-60 tank crewman in Gallatin’s B Company, 3-109th Armor Battalion. For the next 16 years, he served in various positions and units throughout the state to include Ashland City’s D Company, 3-109th Armored Battalion. In 1995, Jenkins transitioned to the maintenance field and served in Tullahoma’s 771st Maintenance Company and Centerville’s 779th Maintenance Company. While serving in Centerville, he was commissioned as a supply systems Warrant Officer and deployed to Ramadi, Iraq, in 2005.

Jenkins served as a warrant officer in various positions throughout the state including Tennessee’s Warrant Officer Strength Manager, Deputy Active Guard Reserve Manager, Tennessee’s Enlisted Personnel Manager, and the Deputy Director for Tennessee’s family programs.

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Chief Warrant Officer 5 Lance Jenkins has his new rank pinned on by his wife, Heidi, and daughter, Brittney, during his promotion ceremony, August 6, at Nashville's Joint Forces Headquarters. Jenkins is Tennessee's 7th Command Chief Warrant Officer and provides senior level counsel to Tennessee's Adjutant General and Assistant Adjutant General-Army on the supervision and training of Tennessee's Warrant Officers. (photo by Edgar Castro)

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