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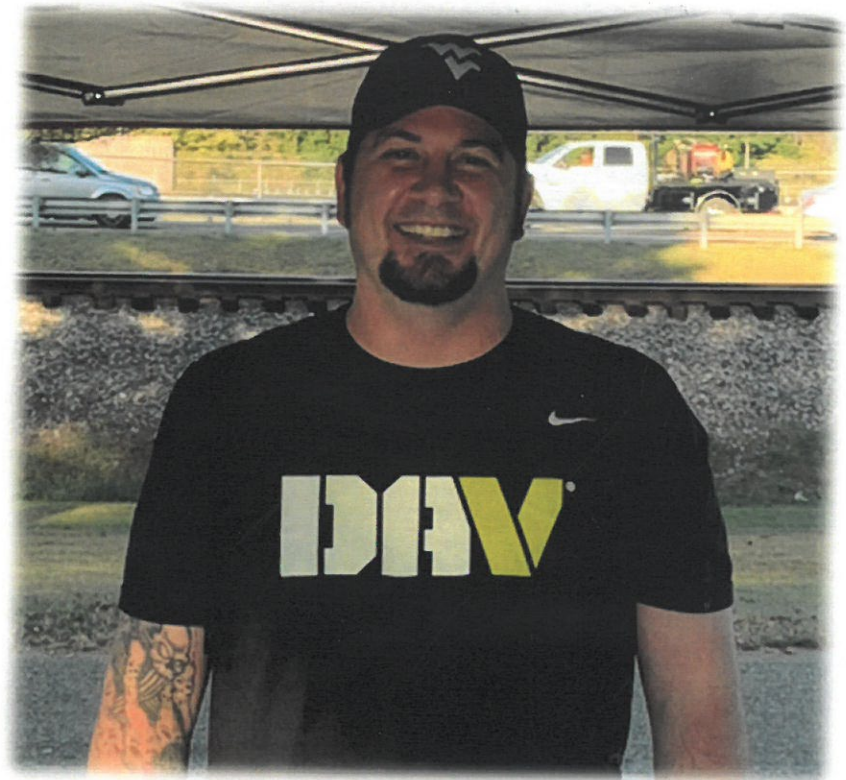


WV Adj. General James Hoyer

As the Adjutant General, State of West Virginia, General Hoyer provides command guidance and vision to the West Virginia Army and Air National Guard of more than 6,500 Citizen Soldiers and Airmen. He provides the overall supervision of the day to day operations and management of the readiness, fiscal, personnel, equipment and the real property resources of the agency.

General Hoyer received his undergraduate degree from the University of Charleston and was commissioned in 1983 through a joint Reserve Officer Training Corps program with West Virginia State University. General Hoyer began his military career in the West Virginia National Guard as a Cavalry Officer. He attended the Special Forces Officer Qualification course and spent over 14 years with the 2nd Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group. General Hoyer led the development of the West Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Task Force and the Joint Interagency Training and Education Center and its Center for National Response; a national level operational and training capability for critical infrastructure protection and consequence response. General Hoyer's most recent assignment was Director, Joint Staff, West Virginia Joint Force Headquarters.

Keynote Speaker



Cprl. Adam Greathouse

2020 Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year

Cprl. Greathouse suffered a severe traumatic brain injury and major damage to his lungs and other internal organs leaving him in a coma, after having been deployed to Kosovo in the Balkan Peninsula. Officials believe during his time overseas, Greathouse somehow came into contact with a residual chemical agent that was likely used during the Albanian/Serb war in Kosovo between May 1998 to June 1999. Falling gravely ill, after being subjected to this chemical material, meant his chances of his survival was less than 2%. Greathouse will share his road to recovery which included bouts with addiction and homelessness.

His story is one of perseverance and courage and his faith in God. Today and every day since, Greathouse continues to help others with their seen and unseen scars resulting from their service to this nation.