



Brigadier General John E. Novalis II

Deputy Commanding General, Support
101st Airborne Division (Air Assault)

BG John E. Novalis II, from Williamsport, PA, is a 1987 graduate of the United States Military Academy and an Army Aviation Officer. He most recently served as the Executive Assistant to the 18th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. BG Novalis currently serves as the Deputy Division Commander – Support, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

BG Novalis' operational tours include assignments with 3rd Battalion, 4th Aviation Brigade (Attack), 8th Infantry Division in Mainz, Germany; 1-25th (Attack) 1st Battalion, 25th Infantry Division at Wheeler Army Airfield; 4th Infantry Division and 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. Key duty assignments include Battalion Operations Officer and Executive Office, Brigade Operations Officer and Executive Officer; Executive Officer DAMO-TR; Aviation Branch Chief, Human Resource Command; Executive Officer at the Joint IED Defeat Organization, and Aviation Force Modernization Office at the Pentagon, Washington DC.

His contingency deployments include tours of duty to Haiti in support of Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY, 1994, as Battalion Operations Officer, TF 1-25th; Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, 2003, as Brigade Executive Officer; Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, 2006, as Commander 4-4 Armed Reconnaissance Battalion; and Afghanistan in support of ENDURING FREEDOM, 2011, as Commander 1st Air Cavalry Brigade.

BG Novalis is a graduate of the Aviation Officer Basic and Advanced Courses and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy and master's degrees from Webster University and the National War College.

His service awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (3 OLC), Air Medal (III), Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), NATO MSM, German Armed Forces Medal of Honour in Silver, Senior Aviator Badge, Combat Action Badge, and Air Assault Badge.

BG Novalis is happily married with two sons.