



Brigadier General Lewis M. Boone

Director, U.S. Army Physical Disability Agency

Brigadier General Lewis Boone was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry in 1980 following graduation from the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at Western Maryland College with a bachelor's degree in sociology. Following commissioning, he attended the Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, before heading to his first assignment, at 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, in Erlangen, Germany. There he served as a platoon leader and company executive officer with the 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry.

For his next assignment he returned to Fort Benning to attend the Infantry Officer Advanced Course and Ranger school. He remained at Fort Benning to serve with the 29th Infantry Regiment as armored carrier operations chief, battalion motor officer and company commander in both 1st and 2nd Battalions, 29th Infantry, and later as operations officer for the 29th's Bradley Training Detachment.

Brigadier General Boone next attended the Defense Information School at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., and then moved to Fort Bragg, N.C., where he began his tenure in Army public affairs as commander of the 49th Public Affairs Detachment and later as the XVIII Airborne Corps command information officer. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, he served as the XVIII Airborne Corps public information officer with the primary duty of escorting media during both operations. Following redeployment from Southwest Asia, he served as the 82nd Airborne Division public affairs officer until departure for Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to attend the Command and General Staff Officer School. Brigadier General Boone next served in a joint assignment, as a public affairs action officer for the U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany. He then returned to the U.S. for a tour at the Pentagon as an action officer for operations, intelligence and logistics in the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, Department of the Army. He served in that position one year, followed by three years as a media advisor to Chief of Staff of the Army General Eric K. Shinseki. He next attended the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., where he earned a master's degree in strategic studies before heading for an assignment with U.S. Army Forces Command at Fort McPherson, Georgia as the Chief of Public Affairs.

In 2006 Brigadier General Boone became the Chief of Public Affairs for U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army in Heidelberg, Germany. In 2009, Brigadier General Boone was nominated for promotion to the rank of Brigadier General, and assumed duties as the Deputy Chief of Public Affairs at the Pentagon. Following this assignment, General Boone deployed to Afghanistan to become the Director of Public Affairs, International Security Assistance Force, Operation Enduring Freedom. Effective 1 October 2012, General Boone became the Director, United States Army Physical Disability Agency.

Brigadier General Boone's awards include the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters; the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters; the Joint Service Commendation Medal; the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters; and the Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters. General Boone is a graduate of the Army Ranger School, Airborne School, the Infantry Mortar Course and the Combined Arms Staff School. He has been awarded the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Brigadier General Boone holds master's degree in international relations and strategic studies from Troy State University and the Army War College respectively and is fluent in German.