

MENTOR

TONY WOODS

Major General Anthony Woods received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in 1984 through ROTC at the University of Texas at Arlington. He earned a B.S. in Criminal Justice from Texas Christian University in 1987, the same year he joined Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. In 2010, he completed a Master of Science at the U.S. Army War College.

He served in multiple leadership roles with the 1st Battalion, 112th Armor, 49th Division in Dallas, including Battalion Executive Officer during Operation Noble Eagle. In 2005, he became the first African American Commander of the 1st Armor Battalion, leading the first U.S. training exercise in Romania after the Soviet Union's fall. The following year, he was Deputy Commander for Operation Jump Start, a federal border security initiative.

MG Woods also served as Deputy Commander of Texas's first Joint Interagency Task Force, supporting law enforcement during disasters. As Commander of the 136th Regiment (RTI) in 2010, he guided the institute to earn the Army Training and Doctrine Command's Institution of Excellence award. In 2012, he deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan, as Task Force Commander of the Security Forces Advisory Team, overseeing and mentoring Afghan Brigade-level staff. From 2015–2025, he held multiple leadership roles in the Texas State Guard, including Commanding General.

2025 RED CONFERENCE



Beyond the military, Woods served as a Dallas Police Officer and later as a DEA Special Agent in Los Angeles, Houston, and Waco. He worked with High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area teams before retiring in 2018 and founding Checkmate Surveillance Investigators LLC.

MG Woods and his wife, Cecilia Durham of Dallas, have been married 18 years and have seven children—Tony, Amanda, Christen, Dalton, Ciara, David, and Daniel—and one grandson, Marcellus.