Army Aviation Hall of Fame 2011 Induction - Nashville, TN

LTG Anthony R. Jones distinguished himself through exceptionally meritorious service in Army Aviation. A master Army aviator with extensive experience across the globe in conventional and special operations assignments, he was instrumental in ensuring that Army Aviation was recognized as a combat maneuver capability and critical to the fight.

His career began as an Infantry officer, dual-tracked until Aviation became a branch. As a young staff officer, he drafted the initial Volunteer Statement for Special Operations Soldiers. Later, during his command of the TF 160 CH-47 lift company, the aerial refueling probe, crash-worthy fuel tanks, and enhanced cockpit modifications enabling long range deployments became a reality for Special Operations Aviation.

LTG Jones was also a forerunner in attaining recognition of Aviation leaders by his selection as the chief of staff, 24th Infantry Division, an assistant division commander for the 1st Armored Division, the chief of staff, U.S. Army Europe, and later the deputy commanding general, Training and Doctrine Command. These assignments gave Army Aviation a leading role in the many historical events that occurred in our Army.

As the commanding general of the Army Aviation Center, from 1998 through 2001, he led Army Aviation through a very pivotal period, introducing multi-functional organizations, developing new Army doctrine, new training models, and the transition of the Total Army.

His Army Aviation Modernization Campaign Plan became the basis for the future. In addition to unit organizational changes and divesting of aging combat systems, the plan included changes such as Flight School XXI, increased use of modern simulations, a level-C survival, evasion, resistance, escape program, and a water survival/dunker training program. These programs are now standard for aviator and leader development.

LTG Jones was the Soldier's soldier. He championed aviation modernization, leader development, and readiness. Fulfilling his commitment to Soldiers and their families are hallmarks of his leadership. He established a clear vision for Army Aviation that has evolved into today's most competent maneuver force on the battlefield.