

Brig. Gen. Thomas Stowe Mullikin

Commander, S.C. State Guard

Brig. Gen. Thomas S. Mullikin is the commander of the S.C. State Guard (SCSG). Prior to assuming command, BG Mullikin served as deputy commander/chief of staff for SCSG. He assumed duties as deputy commander SCSG in April 2012 after serving as deputy director of the Legal Directorate of the Joint Services Detachment, S.C. Military Department. In April 2013, Mullikin's duties expanded to include the post of chief of staff, SCSG.

BG Mullikin also has served as a special assistant to the Chief Prosecutor, Military Commissions, U.S. Department of Defense.

BG Mullikin graduated from the University of South Carolina, 1982 (Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa) and the University's School of Law in 1986. He was subsequently commissioned into the Judge Advocate General Corps, U.S. Army Reserve. After graduating from the Judge Advocate Officer Basic Course, the Judge Advocate General's School, Charlottesville, Virginia, his first duty assignment was with the 12th Legal Support Organization where he served as a trial counsel. He then served as International Legal Officer for the 360th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne).

Since 1986, BG Mullikin's civilian law practice has been in the Corporate Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) arena.

In order to experience and study complex environmental issues firsthand, BG Mullikin has led a variety of environmental expeditions to every continent on earth; and he has lectured at various conferences and universities throughout the world including – among others – Oxford University (England), Trinity University (Ireland), University of Edinburgh (Scotland) and St. Petersburg State University (Russia). In addition to his civilian law practice, he serves as Environmental Executive in Residence at Coastal Carolina University and as Associate Director of the Law and Policy Doctorate Program at Northeastern University in Boston.

BG Mullikin also serves on a variety of foundations and boards, including the board of directors for the U.S. Army Special Forces Foundation (S.C. Chapter).

BG Mullikin is an Army Master Fitness Trainer (graduate of the U.S. Army Physical Fitness School, Fort Benning, Georgia) and a self-defense instructor (he holds a black belt in Karate). He serves as a Special Deputy and Rescue Diver on the Richland County (S.C.) Sheriff's Department Underwater Recovery Unit. Colonel Mullikin is a Master Diver (PADI) with recorded dives in all of the Earth's oceans including certification as a polar diver for his ice dives in the Arctic and Antarctic Oceans. He also has successful climbs and summits of the highest mountains in Europe (Mt.

Elbrus), Africa (Mt. Kilimanjaro), Australia (Mt. Kosciuszko) and South America (Mt. Aconcagua) as well as mountain ranges across North America to study fragile ecosystems.

BG Mullikin produced two full-length environmental documentaries examining global climate change. He was awarded Telly Awards in Social Issues, Feature Documentary, and Education categories for these documentary films; *The Whole Truth* and *Introduction to Climate Change*. He is also the author of *The Maxims of Politics: Making Government Work*; *Sportsman Environmentalist*; *Global Solutions: Demanding Total Accountability for Climate Change*; and *Truck Stop Politics: Understanding the Emerging Force of Working Class America*. For his book, *The Maxims of Politics: Making Government Work*, he was awarded the national Indie Excellence award. He has also been widely published in both legal and mainstream periodicals, including *UCLA Journal of Environmental Law and Policy*, *Georgetown International Environmental Law Review*, *Campaigns and Elections Magazine*, *South Carolina Jurisprudence*, *Navigating the Government Contracts Process*, and *Vital Speeches of the Day*.

His awards and decorations include among others: U.S. Army Meritorious Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Army Reserve Components Overseas Ribbon (with numeral 2), Joint Services Detachment Meritorious Service Medal (SC) , State Guard Medal of Merit (SC), RAIDER – Rapid Assistance In Disaster & Emergency Relief – pin (SC), Military Emergency Management Specialist Badge, military parachutist badges from the Kingdom of Laos, and the nations of Serbia, Croatia, Luxembourg, Switzerland and Germany, and the South Carolina Order of the Palmetto. He has also been awarded the titles IRONMAN by Ironman Outdoors (Sandhills chapter), HONORARY GREEN BERET by the Special Forces Association (S.C. chapter), and he was inducted into the Montagnard tribal community during the Special Forces Association's annual national convention in June 2013.

In support of the SCSG, BG Mullikin completed training within the Emergency Management Institute including matriculation of FEMA Introduction to Incident Command System; Deployment Basics for FEMA Response Partners; FEMA National Incident Management System (NIMS); FEMA, NIMS Multiagency Coordination System (MACS); FEMA, EOC Management and Operations; FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS); FEMA, Active Shooter: What You Can Do. He is also a member of – and an award recipient from – the U.S. Counterterrorism Advisory Team and has completed the Antiterrorism/Force Protection (AT/FP) Qualification Course, Level II Standards, with Level III Authorized (in conjunction with intelligence overview).

BG Mullikin resides in Camden with his wife, Virginia Ann. They have four children: Mary Elizabeth, Alex, Thomas and Charlie.