

## Longer Bio:

## Major General Nick Justice US ARMY (retired)

Major General Nick Justice joined the PowerAmerica Institute as the Executive Director in January of 2015. As Executive Director of PowerAmerica, General Justice heads the first National Manufacturing Institute for Power Electronics led by a university.

General Justice retired from the United States Army after more than 42 years of service as an American soldier. He began his Army career as an enlisted soldier drafted from his native state of

North Carolina. As an enlisted soldier he held numerous military occupation specialties, including: electronics warfare operator; telemetry analyst; telecommunications operator; and infantry platoon sergeant. He was later commissioned upon graduation from Officer Candidate School in 1977.

General Justice earned a BA in History from the University of Maryland, a Master's degree in Management from Pepperdine University, and a Master's degree in International Relations from Salve Regina College. General Justice's military education includes a Master of Science degree from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, the Senior Acquisition Course of the Armed Forces, and a Master's degree from the United States Naval War College.

General Justice's recent assignments include Commanding General, Research and Development Command and Aberdeen Proving Ground. In this role he led the transformation of the installation during Base Realignment. In 2010, the Association of Defense Communities named MG Justice Military Leader of the Year.

General Justice also served as the Program Executive Officer for Command, Control and Communications-Tactical. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, he served as Commander of the Information Management Task Force in Kuwait and Iraq.

His coalition experiences include an assignment to the Sixth Allied Tactical Air Force as Chief, Project Management for Command and Control Systems during Operation Desert Storm as part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

General Justice has received numerous awards and recognitions including being named the 2002 Army Acquisition Award for Excellence as PM of the Year Award. In 2004 and 2008 he was awarded Federal Computer Weekly's Federal 100 Award, as well as its Monticello Award in 2004. In 2008 he received the Armed Forces Communications and

Electronics Association Award of Excellence in Information Technology. In 2009, MG Justice was inducted into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Nick and Anna are the proud parents of two sons who have enriched their lives with six grandchildren.

General Justice currently consults in the defense industry and in education.

## **About PowerAmerica:**

PowerAmerica is part of the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation (NNMI) and is a \$146 million dollar Private-Public partnership focused on advancing and accelerating the commercialization of wide band gap semiconductor power electronics. The wide band gap semiconductors Silicon Carbide and Gallium Nitride operate at higher temperatures, higher voltages and switch faster than silicon devices enabling smaller, lighter more energy efficient power electronic systems. Applications range from renewable energy applications like solar inverters, to electric vehicles, motors and data centers to the power grid.