

## Lieutenant Colonel Jennifer Bower

Lieutenant Colonel Jennifer Bower is the daughter of Carl and Pamela Bower of Watsontown. She graduated from Warrior Run with the Class of 1990 and was active in a variety of extracurricular activities and athletic endeavors. Jen's extracurricular activities included AFS Club; Concert Choir, serving as president her senior year; Eagle's Perch; Spanish Club; Student Council; TriHiY; and Varsity Club. Competing in Field Hockey, Cross Country, and Track completed her busy athletic schedule.

Winning an ROTC scholarship, Jennifer matriculated at Lebanon Valley College after high school and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biopsychology in 1994. Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant upon graduating, Jennifer began her Army career as the Platoon Leader, 546<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company at Fort Bragg, NC. Lt. Col. Bower has completed overseas assignments in Tazsar, Hungary; Korea; and Manama, Bahrain as well as bases within the United States as an officer in the Transportation Companies of various Army Corps. In 2004, Jennifer earned a Master of Science in Human Factors Engineering at The Ohio State University. From 2004 to 2008, Jennifer served as an assistant professor at the United States Military Academy at West Point teaching General Psychology for Leaders Course, required of all graduating cadets as well as the Engineering Psychology course, Human Error; and the Human Computer Interaction Course. Following this assignment, Jen served in Manama, Bahrain during Operation Enduring Freedom and was responsible for managing the transportation of military cargo into and out of Afghanistan and several other countries. Currently, Jennifer is the Professor of Military Science at Boston University serving as the Battalion Commander of the Charles River Battalion, Boston University Army ROTC program.

Lt Colonel Bower is a competitive runner, completing the 2006 Mountain Masochist 50 mile trail run, completed three 50 kilometer trail runs, is a veteran of Honolulu, Cincinnati, and Columbus road marathons and was selected to represent West Point at the Army Ten Miler. She is also a yoga practitioner, and avid hiker and an international adventure traveler in countries such as Dominican Republic, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, and Greece. Finally, she is the proud mother of son, Jacob.

**JENNIFER BOWER**  
**1990**



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## Lissa Bryan-Smith

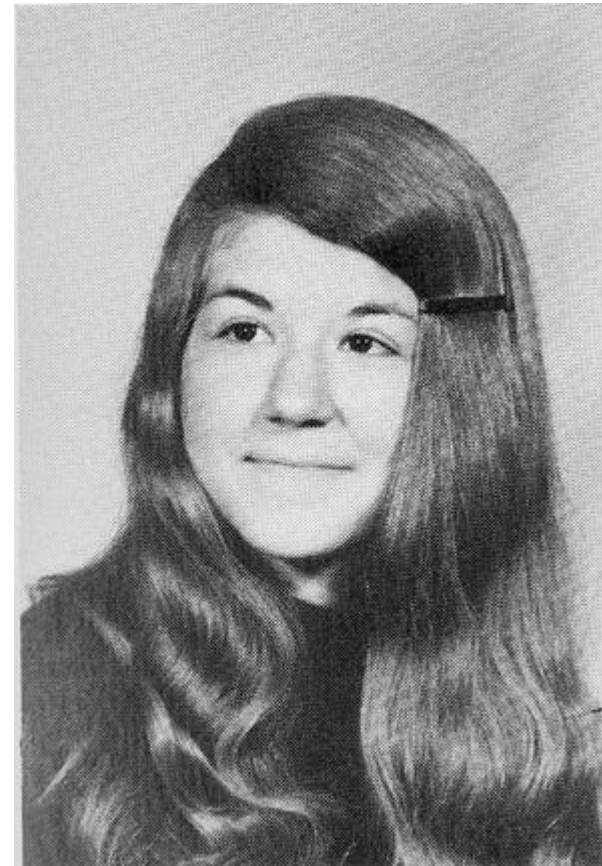
Lissa Bryan-Smith grew up in Watsontown and now lives in downtown Wilkes-Barre with her husband and her mother. She is married to Richard Smith, a retired professor and speech pathologist at Bloomsburg University. In high school, Lissa was active in the Thespians and took part in the class plays in her junior and senior years. She was also active in the Art Photo Club, the Future Teachers of America, Tri Hi Y, and was a member of the Christmas dance court.

After high school, Lissa attended the Reading Hospital School of Nursing to obtain her RN degree and began her career as a staff nurse in the various intensive care units at the Reading Hospital and Medical Center. In 1981, she moved to the Geisinger Medical Center as a staff nurse in the post anesthesia care unit. In 1983, she became the Clinic Nurse Coordinator for the Geisinger Ambulatory Medicine Clinics, a position she held for 10 years. Moving up the administrative ladder in 1993, she became the Operations Manager for Geisinger Health System – NCR. In 2000, Lissa was named a Vice President for the Division of Medicine at Geisinger and in 2002 moved to Vice President of Medicine and Psychiatry Service Lines at Geisinger. From 2005-7, Lissa served as the Chief Administrative Officer for Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, a 192 bed hospital with all ancillary departments and an ambulatory surgery center. As mergers continued, in December of 2007, Lissa became the Chief Administrative Officer of Geisinger Northeast, making her responsible for the daily operations of two campuses with a total bed compliment of 365 with annual gross revenue of \$1.1 billion. From August 2009 to 2012, Lissa was the Chief Administrative Officer of Geisinger Regional Ambulatory Campus. On July 1, 2012, Lissa became the Chief Administrative Officer of the Geisinger Bloomsburg Hospital. Lissa also obtained her MBA from the University of Maryland.

Lissa Bryan-Smith is extremely active in her home community serving on numerous boards. She serves on the boards of Head Start of Luzerne County, Leadership Wilkes-Barre and is the chair of Executive Leadership Wilkes-Barre, the North Branch Land Trust, and the Wyoming Valley United Way, serving as Campaign Chairperson in 2010, where she surpassed her fund-raising goals. She is also a member of Circle 200, Luzerne County Historical Society, the South Wilkes-Barre Business Association, the Nuangola Lake Association and the Westmoreland Club. She has won numerous awards including the following: the 2011 Leadership Award sponsored by Leadership Wilkes-Barre; being named one of the area's "Top 25 Women in Business"; and in June, 2012 winning the ATHENA Award for Leadership presented by the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry.

Lissa is a recognized expert on children's and holiday antiques, authoring two books on these subjects. She has been featured in several publications and television shows including Martha Steward Living and HGTV regarding her interests and endeavors.

**LISSA BRYAN-SMITH**  
1971



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## **Brig. General Gerald Otterbein**

Gerald E. Otterbein, a 1978 graduate of Warrior Run High School, is married to the former Nedette Bly also a Warrior Run graduate. Since 1987, Jerry is employed as a pilot with American Airlines currently flying the B777 to the Orient. He and Nedette are the parents of a son, Garrett, who is a graduate of West Chester University with a degree in business and marketing and is a Senior Airman and crew chief with the 113<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. He works for The nGage Company. Daughter, Elizabeth, is a sophomore at Cleveland State University majoring in English and is active in her college musical programs. The family lives in York, PA.

At Warrior Run, Jerry was active in sports - running track and setting the school record in the 2 mile run during his senior year. He also wrestled and played soccer. After high school, Gerry attended Bloomsburg University graduating in 1982 with a BS degree in business administration. With a difficult job market in 1982 and with no flying experience, Jerry was able to land a pilot slot with the 193rdSOS, which is the most deployed unit in the Air National Guard. Jerry, receiving his flight wings at Williams AFB, Arizona, has been involved in nearly every war or conflict since the first Gulf War in 1991 and is proud to serve in the finest wing in the Air National Guard. In 1984, Jerry graduated with distinction from the Academy of Military Science in Knoxville, TN. He has attended numerous other military schools and courses during his career.

In May of 1984, Gerald was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and continued up the ladder of promotions culminating with his promotion to Brigadier General on March 26, 2012. Jerry has received 29 service awards and decorations including the following: the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with V Device, 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal to name a few. Jerry has a flight rating of Command Pilot and has over 3,800 flight hours for the military. Jerry's most challenging assignment was Detachment Commander during Operation Iraqi Freedom where he was stationed in Jordan.

In his precious spare time, Jerry is involved in outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, and scuba driving. His other hobby or passion is antique cars. To date, he and his son have restored a 1970 GTO and with his daughter, a 1973 Plymouth Cuda. Waiting for restoration in the future are another Cuda and a 1970 Dodge T/A Challenger. Jerry attends some car shows but mostly just enjoys driving these "muscle" cars.

**GERALD OTTERBEIN**  
**1978**



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