



Jean Anne (Jeannie) Panton Deakyne

Jeannie (née Panton) Deakyne grew up in Arlington, Texas. She graduated from Arlington High School in 1993 and earned a four-year Army ROTC scholarship to the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA). From 1997 to 1998, her leadership roles at UTA included Corps of Cadets Executive Officer, Tactical Officer, and Captain of the co-ed Ranger Challenge Team. Jeannie was also a member of the “I Am a Maverick” Team, Color Guard, and Carlisle Cannons from 1995 to 1998. She served as Student Body President in 1998.

Jeannie graduated in 1998 with a B.A. in Political Science. She was recognized as a Distinguished Military Graduate and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Adjutant General Corps. She earned an M.A. in Political Science from UTA’s College of Liberal Arts in 2011.

Jeannie served 13 years on active duty in the U.S. Army, holding numerous leadership roles across various assignments. She began her military career in 1999 as a Gold Bar Recruiter for UTA’s Department of Military Science before serving as a Platoon Leader and Regimental Actions and Personnel Strength Accounting Officer with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Polk from 1999 to 2001. From 2001 to 2003, she served as Personnel Officer for the Operations Group of the Joint Readiness Training Center. In 2004, she deployed to Baghdad with the 1st Cavalry Division’s Air Cavalry Brigade during Operation Iraqi Freedom II, serving as Brigade Adjutant and Public Affairs Officer. She went on to command the 1st Cavalry Division’s Personnel Services Detachment at the Baghdad International Airport, becoming the division’s only female Company Commander and overseeing all U.S. forces at the airports in Iraq and Kuwait. From 2006 to 2008, she served as Chief Human Resources Operations and Training Officer for two-thirds of Southern Iraq, and she contributed an article on Personnel Services

Delivery Redesign to the Journal of Army Logistics. Jeannie concluded her military career as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Executive Officer for UTA's Department of Military Science from 2008 to 2011. She also participated in the 50th Anniversary Long March from UTA to Fort Hood in 2010.

Jeannie is a graduate of the Adjutant General Corps Officer Basic Course, Officer Advanced Course, and Combined Arms and Service Staff School. Her awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (with 2 campaign stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon (2nd Award), Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award), Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award, Combat Action Badge, and Basic Parachutist Badge.

After leaving the Army, Jeannie transitioned to leadership roles in education and nonprofit organizations. From 2011 to 2015, she served as Manager of Faculty & Staff Learning and Development at UTA. From 2015 to 2019, she was the Director of Neeley Executive Education at Texas Christian University. In 2019, she joined the National Medal of Honor Museum as the foundation's first Vice President of Operations, contributing to the museum's establishment in Arlington, Texas. Since 2022, Jeannie has served as Executive Director of the Arlington ISD Education Foundation, overseeing strategic initiatives, fundraising, and program implementation to benefit the Arlington ISD.

Jeannie has been an active leader in several community organizations. She has been a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) since 2009, currently serving as the National Chair of the Community Classroom Committee. From 2021 to 2024, she served as State Curator and State Board Member for the Texas Society DAR. She previously served as State Chair of the Junior Membership Council, raising over \$150,000 in scholarships and aid for at-risk students. As a senior leader for the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) since 2013, Jeannie currently serves as Senior National Vice President for the South-Central Region. She has also served as Senior State President for Texas and Senior National Chair of the Magazine Advertising Committee. A longtime member of the UTA Cadet Corps Alumni Council, Jeannie has held roles such as Membership VP and Representative to the UTA Alumni Association. She has also served as President of the Junior League of Arlington, Arlington Council of PTAs, and Duff Elementary and Bailey Junior High PTAs. Jeannie was a founding member of the Veterans Business Council of the Greater Arlington Chamber of Commerce and in 2015 received the Chamber's inaugural Rising Star Award.

Since 2021, Jeannie has served as an elected Member of the Tarrant County College District (TCCD), representing District 3, which includes Central and North Arlington, Euless, and Bedford. She also serves as Board Secretary.

Among her proudest service is being Mom to Libby, Emma Kate, and Evie, and partner to her husband, Will. Jeannie and her family reside in Arlington, Texas.