

James Mercer, Lt. Col. USA (Ret)

James Mercer was born in Rocky Mount, NC. He graduated from North Edgecombe High School. He received his Associates degree from Nash Community College and his bachelor's degree from Shaw University and a Master of Arts degree from Grace College and Seminary.

Mercer has had a distinguished civilian career. He retired with 30 years of service as public servant. He served as a firefighter, police officer, emergency medical technician, fire inspector, fire marshal, and emergency manager.

He also retired with 35 years military service in the US Army, US Army Reserve, and the North Carolina Army National Guard.

James Mercer is a staunch advocate for US military veterans. He and his family founded-The Mercer Foundation, Inc., a 501 © (3) non-profit organization to provide services to homeless veterans and to feed disadvantaged children in Nash and Edgecombe Counties in Rocky Mount, NC.

Lt. Col. James Mercer also has a passion for high school and college sports. He has served a high school and college basketball and football referee for the past twenty years.

Lt. Col. James Mercer currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Nash Community College, and he also serves as an Associate Minister at Thornes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, NC.

He is a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), American Legion, and National Association of Black Veterans (NABVETS).

James Mercer is also a Master Mason, Shriner, and a lifetime member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

James Mercer is married to Delois Mercer and has one son and four daughters.