

BRIGADIER GENERAL KENNETH A. BEARD



Assistant Adjutant General - Army, North Carolina National Guard

Brigadier General Kenneth A. Beard assumed duties as Assistant Adjutant General - Army, North Carolina National Guard on 24 May 2013. In this capacity, he is a principal advisor to The Adjutant General for sustainment operations.

General Beard was commissioned in 1983 through the Simultaneous Membership Program at North Carolina State University's Reserve Officers' Training Corps completing a degree in Zoology in 1984. His previous military assignments include Firing Battery, Field Artillery Battalion, and Field Artillery Brigade Command, as well as various staff positions at all levels. General Beard's most recent assignments include G1, North Carolina Joint Force Headquarters and the Chief of the Collective Training Division for Joint Staff, J7 in Suffolk, Virginia.

EDUCATION:

1984 North Carolina State University, Bachelor of Science, Zoology, Raleigh, North Carolina
2005 United States Army War College, Master of Strategic Studies, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
2005 United States Army War College, by Correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. September 1983 - January 1985, Fire Direction Officer, Fire Direction Officer, Bravo Battery, 4th Battalion 113th Field Artillery, Winston Salem, North Carolina
2. January 1985 - May 1985, Student, United States Field Artillery Schoolhouse, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
3. May 1985 - September 1985, Fire Direction Officer, Bravo Battery, 4th Battalion 113th Field Artillery, Winston Salem, North Carolina
4. September 1985 - September 1987, Executive Officer, Bravo Battery, 4th Battalion 113th Field Artillery, Winston Salem, North Carolina
5. September 1987 - August 1989, Commander, Bravo Battery, 4th Battalion 113th Field Artillery, Winston Salem, North Carolina
6. August 1989 - January 1990, Fire Direction Officer, 4th Battalion 113th Field Artillery, High Point, North Carolina
7. January 1990 - September 1992, Operations Officer, 4th Battalion 113th Field Artillery, High Point, North Carolina
8. September 1992 - August 1994, Commander, Alpha Battery, 4th Battalion 113th Field Artillery, High Point, North Carolina
9. August 1994 - March 1995, Operations Officer, 113th Field Artillery Brigade, Greensboro, North Carolina
10. March 1995 - October 1996, Fire Support Officer, 1st Battalion 113th Field Artillery, Charlotte, North Carolina
11. October 1996 - January 1999, S3, 1st Battalion 113th Field Artillery, Charlotte, North Carolina
12. January 1999 - December 2000, Commander, 5th Battalion 113th Field Artillery, Louisburg, North Carolina
13. December 2000 - October 2001, Executive Officer, 113th Field Artillery Brigade, Greensboro, North Carolina
14. October 2001 - August 2005, S3, 113th Field Artillery Brigade, Greensboro, North Carolina
15. August 2005 - November 2007, Commander, 113th Field Artillery Brigade, Greensboro, North Carolina
16. November 2007 - July 2008, Army Chief of Staff, North Carolina Joint Force Headquarters, Raleigh, North Carolina
17. July 2008 - January 2010, Director of Intelligence, North Carolina Joint Force Headquarters, Raleigh, North Carolina
18. January 2010 - September 2012, NORTHCOM Exercise Team Chief, US Joint Forces Command in Suffolk, Virginia
19. September 2012 - February 2013, Chief of the Collective Training Division, Joint Staff, J7 in Suffolk, Virginia
20. February 2013 - May 2013, G1, North Carolina Joint Force Headquarters, Raleigh, North Carolina
21. May 2013 - Present, Assistant Adjutant General - Sustainment, North Carolina National Guard, North Carolina Joint Force Headquarters, Raleigh, North Carolina

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster)

Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Service Stars)

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Gold Hourglass and M Device)

Army Service Ribbon

Overseas Service Ribbon

North Carolina National Guard Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Gold Hornet's Nest Device)

North Carolina National Guard Commendation Medal

North Carolina National Guard State Active Duty Ribbon (with Bronze Numeral 4)

North Carolina National Guard Service Ribbon (with Gold and Bronze Hornet's Nest Device)

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge

Adjutant General's Staff Badge

Parachutist Badge

Honorable and Ancient Orders of Saint Barbara

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant ARNG 14 May 1983

First Lieutenant ARNG 24 May 1986

Captain ARNG 4 June 1988

Major ARNG 10 September 1994

Lieutenant Colonel ARNG 9 April 1999

Colonel ARNG 15 August 2005

Brigadier General ARNG 24 May 2013