

# BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES C. ERNST



## **Commander, Land Component Command, North Carolina Army National Guard**

Brigadier General James C. Ernst assumed duties as Commander, Land Component Commander, North Carolina National Guard, on 19 November 2012. In this capacity, he is responsible for the overall readiness of the Army Forces within the North Carolina National Guard.

General Ernst was commissioned in 1984 through the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. His previous military assignments include commanding at the company, battalion and brigade levels, as well as various staff positions. General Ernst's most recent assignments include Commander, 130th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade and Chief of Staff-Army, Joint Force Headquarters, North Carolina National Guard.

## **EDUCATION:**

1983 North Carolina State University, Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, Raleigh, North Carolina

2005 United States Army War College, Master of Strategic Studies, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania

2005 United States Army War College, by correspondence

2013 Federal Emergency Management Agency Dual Status Commander Qualification Course, Greenville, South Carolina

2013 Harvard John F. Kennedy School of Government, Senior Executives in National and International Security, Cambridge, Massachusetts

## **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. March 1984 - June 1985, Platoon Leader, 63rd Engineer Company, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

2. July 1985 - January 1987, Platoon Leader, Company A, 27th Engineer Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

3. February 1987 - January 1988, United States Army Reserve Control Group, Saint Louis, Missouri

4. February 1988 - April 1991, Maintenance Staff Officer, Headquarters, State Area Command, Raleigh, North Carolina

5. May 1991 - August 1991, Construction Management Officer, 105th Engineer Group, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

6. September 1991 - May 1995, Commander, 881st Engineer Company, Rockingham, North Carolina

7. May 1995 - January 1996, Facilities Engineer Officer, Headquarters, State Area Command, Raleigh, North Carolina

8. February 1996 - August 1997, S3, Headquarters, 105th Engineer Battalion, Raeford, North Carolina

9. August 1997 - January 2000, Executive Officer, Headquarters, 105th Engineer Battalion, Raeford, North Carolina

10. February 2000 - October 2000, S2, Headquarters, 30th Engineer Brigade, Charlotte, North Carolina

11. November 2000 - October 2001, S3, Headquarters, 30th Engineer Brigade, Charlotte, North Carolina

12. November 2001 - April 2004, Commander, 505th Engineer Battalion, Gastonia, North Carolina

13. May 2004 - September 2006, Design Engineer, Headquarters, 30th Engineer Brigade, Charlotte, North Carolina

14. September 2006 - December 2009, Commander, 130th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Charlotte, North Carolina

15. January 2010 - October 2011, Chief Facilities Management Officer, Joint Force Headquarters, North Carolina Army National Guard, Raleigh, North Carolina

16. November 2011 - August 2012, Chief of Staff, Joint Force Headquarters, North Carolina Army National Guard, Raleigh, North Carolina

17. September 2012 - November 2012, Assistant Adjutant General - Army, North Carolina National Guard, Raleigh, North Carolina

18. November 2012 - Present, Commander, Land Component Command, Joint Force Headquarters, North Carolina Army National Guard, 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  
Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)  
National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)  
Iraq Campaign Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Armed Forces Service Medal (with Bronze Service Star)  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass, M Device and Numeral 2)  
Army Service Ribbon  
Army Overseas Service Ribbon  
Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (with Numeral 2)  
Meritorious Unit Commendation  
Parachutist Badge  
Honduran Parachutist Badge

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant USAR 13 January 1984  
First Lieutenant USAR 13 July 1985  
First Lieutenant ARNG 26 February 1988  
Captain ARNG 15 March 1989  
Major ARNG 13 August 1996  
Lieutenant Colonel ARNG 14 December 2000  
Colonel ARNG 13 February 2005  
Brigadier General ARNG 13 September 2012