



Brigadier General Kurt A. Hardin

Commander 104th Training Division (Leader Training)

Military Career

Brigadier General Kurt A. Hardin assumed the duties as the Division Commander of the 104th Training Division (Leader Training) located on Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington on 4 June 2011. He was previously assigned as the Chief of Staff of the 104th Training Division (Leader Training) located on Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington on 24 December 2008. BG Hardin graduated from the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL where he received a Bachelor of Science in Finance and was commissioned as an Air Defense Artillery Officer in 1982. Upon receiving his commission as a Second Lieutenant, BG Hardin served on active duty as an assault fire platoon leader and tactical control officer for Battery C, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery (Hawk) in Giebelstadt, Germany. While in Giebelstadt, BG Hardin was a qualified Master Tactical Control Officer, and a Battery Control Evaluator where he evaluated the readiness of Dutch, German and other US Army Hawk units. He also served as an Assistant Operations Officer for 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery (Hawk) in Wuerzburg, Germany. Upon completion of the Air Defense Officer Advanced Course at Fort Bliss, TX, BG Hardin was reassigned to Fort Lewis, WA where he served as an Assistant Operations officer for 1st Battalion, 67th Artillery; Commander for Battery A, 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment; Commander for Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment; all within the 9th Infantry Division (Motorized). BG Hardin subsequently was reassigned to I Corps at Ft Lewis, WA serving as the Aide de Camp for the Deputy Commanding General.

BG Hardin has held positions of increasing responsibility in the Army Reserve to include Battalion Operations Officer, 91st Division (Exercise) and Deputy Inspector General, 70th Regional Readiness Command. He joined the 104th Division (Institutional Training) in October 2001 where he served as the Battalion Commander of the 3-414th Battalion, Brigade Executive Officer of the 8th Brigade, and Commander of the 1st Brigade (redesignated 2nd Brigade, 95th Division September 2007). Before assuming command of the 104th Training Division (Leader Training), BG Hardin served as its Chief of Staff.

Awards

BG Hardin's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf cluster, Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge. Additionally, he was awarded the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara in December 1990 for outstanding contributions as an Air Defender

Education

BG Hardin's military education includes the Air Defense Artillery Officers Basic and Advanced Course, Company/Battalion/Brigade Pre-Command Courses, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. BG Hardin also has a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the U.S. Army War College.

Civilian Life

BG Hardin is married to the former Krystal Shoop and they live in Olympia, WA with their daughter, Sabrina. He works in the Washington Military Department, Emergency Management Division, as the State Coordinating Officer for Disaster Recovery and statewide Mitigation, Response, and Recovery operations.