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Mark Hart promoted to Brigadier General

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Col. Mark Hart, of Louisville, Tenn., will be promoted to Brigadier General in ceremonies at the McGhee-Tyson Armed Forces Club on November 21, 2014. Maj. Gen. Terry M. Haston, Tennessee's Adjutant General, named Hart the Land Component Commander, officially assuming command on 17 September 2014.

As the Land Component Commander, Hart is responsible to the Adjutant General for recommendations on the proper employment of land forces, planning, and coordinating land operations, or accomplishing such operational missions as may be assigned. Brig. Gen. Hart is the commander of the Tennessee Army National Guard, reporting directly to the Adjutant General. He is responsible for the manning, training, equipping, welfare, and readiness posture for all Tennessee Army National Guard units.

Before his assignment as the Land Component Commander, Hart served as the commander of the 230th Sustainment Brigade in Chattanooga. He commanded the Brigade during its 2011 deployment to Kuwait in support of Operation New Dawn. Hart previously commanded the 1st Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment during its deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III in 2004.

Brig. Gen. Hart attended Walters State Community College and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Tennessee in 1990. He received his Master of Science degree in 1999 from the University of Tennessee. He was commissioned Field Artillery from Tennessee Military Academy (OCS) in 1983. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course Fort Sill, OK in 1985, the Armor Advanced Course Fort Knox, KY 1994, Command and General Staff College Fort Leavenworth, KS 2002 and the U. S. Army War College in 2012.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Tennessee National Guard Commendation Ribbon, the Tennessee National Guard Individual Achievement Ribbon and the Combat Action Badge.

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