

Brigadier General Mark Hart

Director of the Joint Staff

Tennessee National Guard



Brigadier General Mark Hart, is the Director of the Joint Staff, Tennessee National Guard.

In this capacity, Brig. Gen. Hart reports directly to the Adjutant General for Joint Force matters and assists in the external affairs functions including: presenting and enforcing National Guard policies, plans, and programs. The Director of the Joint Staff presides over the National Guard Staff and represents Army and Air capabilities, requirements, policy, plans, and programs in joint operations. Under the authority of the Adjutant General, the Director of the Joint Staff also designates personnel and resources.

Before his assignment as the Director of the Joint Staff, 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.