



## **Brigadier General Kurt A. Hardin Commander 104<sup>th</sup> 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, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 52<sup>nd</sup> Air Defense Artillery (Hawk) in Giebelstadt, Germany. While in Giebelstadt, BG Hardin was a qualified Master Tactical Control Officer, 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 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 52<sup>nd</sup> Air Defense Artillery (Hawk) in Wuerzburg, Germany. Upon reassignment to Fort Lewis, WA BG Hardin served as an Assistant Operations officer for 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 67<sup>th</sup> Artillery; Commander for Battery A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 44<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Artillery Regiment; Commander for Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 44<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Artillery Regiment; all within the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Motorized). He subsequently was reassigned to I Corps at Ft Lewis, 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, 91<sup>st</sup> Division (Exercise) and Assistant Inspector General, 70<sup>th</sup> Regional Readiness Command. He joined the 104<sup>th</sup> Division (Institutional Training) in October 2001 where he served as the Battalion Commander of the 3-414<sup>th</sup>, Brigade Executive Officer of the 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade, and Commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade (redesignated 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 95<sup>th</sup> 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 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. He works in the Washington Military Department, Emergency Management Division, on statewide Mitigation, Response, and Recovery operations.