

MG David Baldwin

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The Adjutant General

Major General David S. Baldwin was appointed as the 46th Adjutant General on 16 April 2011. Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. recalled General Baldwin from his second deployment to Afghanistan, where he served as Deputy Commander of the 101st Airborne Division Tactical Command Post and Senior Mentor to the Commanding General of the 201st Afghan Army Corps, to assume command of the California National Guard. As the Adjutant General, he leads the largest, most tasked National Guard force in the United States, with an authorized strength of 23,000 personnel. He is responsible for the operation of the State Military Department which consists of the California Army and Air National Guard, State Military Reserve, and California Youth Programs.

General Baldwin enlisted as a medic in the California Army National Guard in 1982. He was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) in 1984. His military assignments include Rifle Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Scout Platoon Leader. He commanded a rifle company that deployed to the Los Angeles Riots in 1992. He served as aide-de-camp for the Commander, California Army National Guard before being assigned as the Operations Officer and then Executive Officer of 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry. General Baldwin commanded that same battalion when it deployed troops to Kuwait in the fall of 2001 in support of Operation DESERT SPRING. Following his assignment as a student at the Army War College, General Baldwin deployed to Afghanistan where he served as the Civil-Military Operations Officer and then the Executive Officer of Combined Forces Command. In January 2007, General Baldwin assumed command of the 79th (previously 40th) Infantry Brigade Combat Team, California Army National Guard. General Baldwin's full-time assignments on State Active Duty include Emergency Plans and Operations Officer, Legislative Liaison Officer, and Director, J3. From 2009 until he deployed in early 2010, General Baldwin served as the Chief of Staff of the California National Guard's Joint Staff.

General Baldwin's military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Armor Officer's Advanced Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. His civilian education includes a Baccalaureate of Science Degree in Medical Microbiology from Stanford University in 1985, a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California in 1996, and a Master of Strategic Studies Degree from the United States Army War College in 2003.

General Baldwin's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster,

National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Combat Action Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.