



Biography

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BRIGADIER GENERAL WALTER E. FOUNTAIN



Support Special Assistant to Director, Army National Guard

Brigadier General Walter E. Fountain is Support Special Assistant to the Director, Army National Guard. As the Support Special Assistant, he is a liaison between the Director and Headquarters, Department of the Army leaders as well as National Guard Bureau Joint leadership. General Fountain represents the Director at a number of forums including State level, the National Guard Bureau Joint Staff, Office of the Secretary of Defense, public meetings, presentations and conferences. He provides policy recommendations to the Director on high priority programs such as Recruiting and Retention, Personnel, Logistics, Sustainment Restoration and Modernization (SRM), Military Construction, Information Technology Policies, Programs and Plans, Military Construction, Suicide Prevention, Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Equipping of the National Guard's 350,000 Citizen-Soldiers serving in 54 states and territories.

General Fountain was commissioned in 1981 through the Federal Officer Candidate School. In previous assignments, he has served as the Director, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Joint Force Headquarters, Oklahoma National Guard; Chief, National Guard Affairs in Iraq; Commander, 90th Troop Command, Oklahoma Army National Guard; and Assistant Adjutant General - Army, Joint Force Headquarters, Oklahoma National Guard. General Fountain has commanded at the company, battalion and brigade level.

EDUCATION:

- 1996 T. A. Edison State College, Bachelor of Science, Applied Sciences, Trenton, New Jersey
- 1998 Oklahoma State University, Master of Science, Natural and Applied Science, Stillwater, Oklahoma
- 2002 United States Army War College, by correspondence
- 2002 United States Army War College, Master of Strategic Studies, by correspondence
- 2003 Joint Air Command and Control Course, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
- 2006 Joint Forces Staff College, Joint and Combined Warfighting School, National Defense University, Norfolk, Virginia
- 2011 Joint Task Force Commanders Course, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado

2012 Level IV Antiterrorism Executive Seminar, Arlington, Virginia
2012 General Officer/Senior Executive Service Force Integration Course, Fort Belvoir, Virginia
2012 Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, National Security Management Course, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York
2013 George C. Marshall Center Senior Executive Seminar, Central Asia After ISAF Transition: Regional Challenges and Cooperative Responses, Garmisch, Germany

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. December 1981 - November 1982, Platoon Leader, Detachment 1, Company A, 1st Battalion 179th Infantry, Fairfax, Oklahoma
2. November 1982 - July 1983, Student, Rotary Wing Aviation Course, Fort Rucker, Alabama
3. July 1983 - March 1986, Pilot, Detachment 2, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 45th Infantry Brigade, Lexington, Oklahoma
4. April 1986 - September 1987, Section Commander, Detachment 1, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 45th Infantry Brigade, Lexington, Oklahoma
5. September 1987 - February 1989, S-1, Troop Command (Aviation), Lexington, Oklahoma
6. February 1989 - September 1991, Platoon Leader, Company B, 1st Battalion 245th Aviation, Lexington, Oklahoma
7. October 1991 - September 1994, Commander, Company C, 1st Battalion 245th Aviation, Lexington, Oklahoma
8. September 1994 - August 1996, Airfield Commander, Headquarters, State Area Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
9. September 1996 - August 1997, Commander, Army Aviation Support Facility, Headquarters, State Area Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
10. September 1997 - August 2001, S-3 (Air), Headquarters, State Area Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
11. September 2001 - August 2003, Commander, 1st Battalion, 245th Aviation, Tulsa, Oklahoma
12. September 2003 - June 2005, Commander, 90th Troop Command, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
13. July 2005 - November 2008, Director, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Joint Force Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
14. November 2008 - June 2009, Chief, National Guard Affairs, Multi-National Corps - Baghdad, Iraq
15. June 2009 - November 2011, Director, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Joint Force Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
16. November 2011 - July 2012, Assistant Adjutant General - Army, Joint Force Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
17. July 2012 - Present, Special Assistant to Director, Army National Guard, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star Medal
Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
Army Commendation Medal
Army Achievement Medal
Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver and 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Service Star)
Iraq Campaign Medal (with Bronze Service Star)
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass Device and $\frac{1}{2}$ Device)

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Army Service Ribbon

Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon (with Bronze Numeral 2)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant 3 December 1981

First Lieutenant 2 December 1984

Captain 2 April 1987

Major 4 December 1991

Lieutenant Colonel 10 October 1996

Colonel 11 September 2003

Brigadier General 8 November 2011

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