

Brigadier General Benjamin T. Cleghorn

North Dakota National Guard



Brigadier General Cleghorn serves as the Land Component Commander for the North Dakota Army National Guard.

He received his commission as an Ordnance Officer through the Officer Candidate Course in 1997. He is a graduate of the Ordnance Maintenance Management Officer Basic Course, Military Police Captains Career Course, Support Operations Course, Command and General Staff Officer Course, Air Defense Artillery Reclassification Course, the Advanced Operations Course, the United States Army War College and the Dual Status Commander Qualification Course.

His previous non-command assignments include Platoon Leader for the 3662nd Maintenance Company, Devils Lake, North Dakota; Assistant Operations Officer, Maintenance Officer and

Training Officer for 68th Troop Command, Bismarck, North Dakota; Battalion S-3 for the 136th Combat Service Support Battalion, Devils Lake, North Dakota; Operations Officer for the 141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Fargo, North Dakota; Executive Officer, 164th Engineer Battalion, Minot, North Dakota; Branch Chief / Environmental Officer for Joint Force Headquarters, Bismarck, North Dakota; and Brigade S-3 for the 141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Fargo, North Dakota. His most recent staff assignments in Joint Force Headquarters include G-3 Operations Officer and Army Chief of Staff.

Brigadier General Cleghorn's command assignments include Company Commander for the 3662nd Maintenance Company while deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom; Company Commander for the 191st Military Police Company while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; Battalion Commander for the 1-188th Air Defense Artillery, the 231st Brigade Support Battalion, and the 141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade located in Fargo, North Dakota. He assumed command of all North Dakota Army National Guard Forces on 7 December 2024.

Brigadier General Cleghorn's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal and the Combat Action Badge. He has earned the Excellence in Competition Rifleman Badge and the Excellence in Competition Badge Pistol. He is also a permanent recipient of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for service from 1988 to 1992 and the Meritorious Unit Commendation for service with the 18th Military Police Brigade during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2008.

Brigadier General Cleghorn is married to the former Betty Hatlewick of Jamestown, North Dakota. They have four children and reside on a farmstead near Jamestown, North Dakota.