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### BRIGADIER GENERAL ERIC C. PECK

Brigadier General Eric C. Peck assumed the position of commander of the Joint Forces Headquarters Kansas-Land Component (Kansas Army National Guard) on Feb. 9, 2011. He will also continue in his role of overseeing the Great Plains Joint Training Center, Salina.

Brigadier General Peck has served at all levels of command from Detachment through Brigade and has been assigned to the Department of the Army and National Guard Bureau staffs.

He started his military career in the Kansas Army National Guard (KSARNG) as a UH-1 crew chief in a Combat Engineer aviation section in 1974. In 1978 he completed the Warrant Officer Candidate/Aviator Course and became a line pilot in the 920th Medical Evacuation Detachment, KSARNG. Brigadier General Peck received a direct commission to Second Lieutenant in 1983 in the Medical Service Corps. He served as a Section Leader, Assistant Operations Officer and Instructor Pilot in the 920th. Brigadier General Peck served as Assistant Flight Simulation Branch Chief, Flight Operations Officer, Training Officer, and Cargo/Utility Branch Chief at the Eastern Army National Guard Aviation Training Site (EAATS) at Fort Indiantown Gap. He was then assigned to Fort Rucker as the Deputy Director (ARNG), Directorate of Evaluation and Standardization (DES) in May 1992. Brigadier General Peck served in various staff positions on both the National Guard Bureau and Department of the Army Staffs from 1993-1997. He was the Commander of the Army's Operational Support Airlift Command from 1997 -1999. Brigadier General Peck returned to Kansas to serve as the State Army Aviation Officer for the KSARNG. He also was as the 1-108<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment Commander from 1999-2001. Brigadier General Peck was the Kansas Army National Guard Chief of Staff from 2003 through 2006 when he became the Chief of the Joint Staff for the Kansas National Guard. Most recently he has commanded 1-6<sup>th</sup> KS Agribusiness Development Team (ADT) from October 2008 through March 2010 that deployed to Afghanistan. Brigadier General Peck has over 2,500 hours in airplanes and helicopters.



His military education includes: the Medical Service Corps Basic Course, Aviation Officers Advance Course, Command and General Staff Course, US Army War College, the Aviation Safety Officers Course, USAF Joint Firepower Control Course and the Army Essential Medical Training Course. His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Mass Communication from Kansas State University, and Masters Degrees in Computer and Information Systems Management from Webster University and in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College.

Brigadier General Peck's military decorations include: The Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, Afghan Campaign Ribbon with bronze star, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon. He has earned the Combat Action Badge and the Army Master Aviator Badge.

Brigadier General Peck is married to the former Lillis Heldenbrand of Manhattan, Kansas. They have two children, 2nd Lt. Georgia Schafer and Ely.