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Biography

BRIGADIER GENERAL MARK J. MICHIE

Wisconsin Army National Guard

Brig. Gen. Mark J. Michie is the Wisconsin Army National Guard's Land Component Commander.

Gen. Michie earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point in 1985. He earned a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., in 2007. His other military education includes the Dual Status Commander Course and the Joint Task Force Commander Training Course at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Co., in 2012.; the Joint Force Headquarters/Joint Task Force Staff Training Course at Joint Force Headquarters in Raleigh, N.C. in 2011; and the Maneuver Enhancement Brigade Pre-Command Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.



Gen. Michie enlisted in the Wisconsin Army National Guard's 724th Engineer Battalion in September 1980. After completing the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1983. He served in the 724th Engineer Battalion as a platoon leader, executive officer, company commander, assistant operations officer, logistics officer and battalion commander. During his time as battalion commander the 724th Engineer Battalion mobilized and deployed to Iraq and grew to more than 1,200 personnel. He also served as engineer equipment officer, design engineer, operations officer and commander of the 264th Engineer Group. He commanded the 157th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade when the brigade transitioned from a field artillery brigade and engineer group to a maneuver enhancement brigade. Following brigade command, he was appointed director of domestic operations for the Wisconsin National Guard Joint Staff, and was responsible for planning, directing, coordinating and integrating all aspects of state and National Guard efforts relating to defense support of civil authorities. During this time he served as the national chairman for the J3/7 Functional Advisory Council to the National Guard Bureau. He was appointed to his present position Nov. 19, 2012 and promoted to his current rank Jan. 15, 2013.

Gen. Michie's military awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with one silver and three bronze oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal with bronze service star, the Iraq Campaign Medal with one bronze service star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with gold hourglass and M device, the Wisconsin National Guard Eisenhower Trophy Unit Award, as well as other federal and state awards.

In civilian life, Gen. Michie is the vice chief of staff for the Wisconsin National Guard Joint Staff.