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Biography

BRIGADIER GENERAL KENNETH A. KOON

Wisconsin Army National Guard

Brigadier General Kenneth A. Koon is the Assistant Adjutant General for Readiness and Training, Wisconsin Army National Guard. In this assignment, Brig. Gen. Koon assists the Adjutant General and Assistant Adjutant General in sustaining and growing the organizational readiness in the effort to maintain the defense of the Nation and the State of Wisconsin. He ensures mission accomplishment through the enforcement of legal and ethical practices core to our organization's values, through strategic alignment of readiness metrics, and continuous improvement of our key organizational processes that support the training and readiness of all Wisconsin Army National Guard units.

Brig. Gen. Koon holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh, a master's in management and organizational behavior from Silver Lake College and a master's in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Airborne School, Infantry Officer Basic course, Armor Officer and Field Artillery Officer Advanced Courses, Combined Arms and Service Staff School, Command and General Staff College, and Advanced Joint Professional Military Education, and is a certified Organizational Development Consultant.

Brig. Gen. Koon enlisted in the Army in 1977 and served as a military policeman at Fort Sill, Okla., and in Germany. After separation from active duty, he joined the 84th Division, U.S. Army Reserve, and was commissioned a second lieutenant through the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) in May 1982. Transferring to the Wisconsin Army National Guard, he became support platoon leader with Headquarters, 2nd Battalion, 127th Infantry, in September 1982. Since then, he has served in a series of command and staff assignments, including commander of Forward Operating Base Grizzly and Camp Ashraf, Iraq and the 16th Commandant of the 426th Regiment (Regional Training Institute) at Fort McCoy, Wis., On 2 June 2013 he was assigned as the Assistant Adjutant General for Readiness and Training, Wisconsin Army National Guard.

Brig. Gen. Koon's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with one silver and 3 bronze oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, the Korean Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, The Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M device and gold Hour Glass, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Wisconsin National Guard Commendation Medal, the Parachutist Badge and the Field Artillery Ancient Order of Saint Barbara.

Brig. Gen. Koon is employed full-time as Command Administrative Officer at Wisconsin National Guard headquarters in Madison, Wis. He is a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11244, a member of American Legion Post 812, and a member of the Field Artillery Association and the 127th Infantry Association. He also holds life memberships in the National Guard Association of the United States, the Wisconsin National Guard Association, and the 32nd Division Association.

