

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN E. WALSH
The Adjutant General, Montana National Guard



Brigadier General John E. Walsh assumed the duties as the Adjutant General for Montana on 1 September 2008. General Walsh is the Adjutant General for the State of Montana, Commander of the Montana National Guard and the Director of the Department of Military Affairs. He is responsible to provide Army and Air National Guard military forces that are fully prepared to protect Montana from any threat, disaster, or emergency. He is also responsible to ensure that Montana's National Guard Forces are ready to deploy worldwide and accomplish military missions in support of the national defense strategy. As the Adjutant General for the State of Montana, he administers/commands a joint federal-state program to provide for the organization of the Montana Army and Air National Guard. He is responsible to the Governor

for disaster and emergency services, homeland security, veteran affairs, a Counter-Drug Support Team, a Civil Support Team, and a Youth Challenge Program. General Walsh graduated from the United States Army War College with a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies. General Walsh also served as the Battalion Commander of the 1-163d Infantry Battalion while deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III from December 2004 through November 2005. General Walsh was born in Butte, Montana, and graduated from Butte High School in 1979. He attended Carroll College from 1979 through 1984. General Walsh graduated from the United States Army War College in June 2007 with a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies. General Walsh is married to Janet and they have two children, Michael (22) and Taylor (18), COL Walsh and his family reside in Helena.

EDUCATION:

1988 Armor Officer Basic Course
1990 University of the State of New York, BS Degree, Political Science
1993 Armor Officer Advance Course
1995 Combined Arms Service Staff School – CAS-3
1997 Command and General Staff College
2001 Instructor Tactical Certification Course
2004 Tactical Commanders Development Course
2004 Infantry Battalion and BDE Pre-Command Course

2004 Battalion Commanders Development Course

2007 United States Army War College, Masters Degree, Strategic Studies

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. August 1987 – September 1988 – Evaluation and Readiness Officer, HQ STARC, Helena, MT
2. September 1988 – February 1990 – Platoon Leader, C/1-163d CAV, Helena, MT
3. February 1990 – March 1991 – Executive Officer, C/1-163d CAV, Helena, MT
4. March 1991 – November 1993 – Company Commander, B/1-163d CAV, Hamilton, MT
5. November 1993 – March 1995 – S2/S3 Instructor, 208th RTI, Helena, MT
6. March 1995 – August 1995 – Assistant Plans Officer, HQ STARC, Helena, MT
7. August 1995 – December 1995 – Force Integration Officer, HQ STARC, Helena, MT
8. December 1995 – July 1997 – Evaluation and Readiness Officer, HQ STARC, Helena, MT
9. July 1997 – April 2001 – Military Support Officer, HQ STARC, Helena, MT
10. April 2001 – October 2001 – Operations Officer/Executive Officer, 208th RTI, Helena, MT
11. October 2001 – July 2003 – Commander, 208th RTI, Helena, MT
12. July 2003 – January 2004 – Executive Officer, 95th Troop Command, Helena, MT
13. January 2004 – June 2004 – Battalion Commander, 1-163rd Infantry (M), Belgrade, MT
14. July 2004 – November 2005 – Battalion Commander, 1-163rd Infantry (M), Hawija, Iraq
15. July 2006 – July 2007 – United States Army War College, Carlisle, PA
16. July 2007 – September 2008 – J-3, Joint Force Headquarters-Montana, Helena, MT
17. September 2008 – Present – 2008

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Combat Infantry Badge

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Badge (3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Commendation Medal (1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Army Achievement Medal (1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Army Good Conduct Medal

Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)

National Defense Service Medal (1 Bronze Service Star)

Iraqi Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (1 Silver Hourglass)

NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Arabic Numeral 2)
Army Service Ribbon
Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon
Montana Army National Guard Distinguished Service Medal
Montana Army National Guard Service Ribbon (4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
Montana Army National Guard Attendance Ribbon (2 Silver and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
Montana Army National Guard Physical Fitness Ribbon (3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS:

Second Lieutenant	August 14, 1987
First Lieutenant	August 13, 1990
Captain	July 24, 1992
Major	July 23, 1996
Lieutenant Colonel	December 18, 2001
Colonel	May 16, 2006
Brigadier General (MT)	September 1, 2008