



Commandant, US Army Field Artillery School

Brigadier General Thomas S. Vandal graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1982 where he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer's Basic and Advance Courses, Combined Arms Services Staff School, Command and General Staff Officer's Course, and the National War College.

Brigadier General Vandal's initial assignment was with the 75th Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Sill Oklahoma, where he served in the 1st Battalion, 17th Field Artillery as the B Battery FDO, XO, and Battalion FDO. Upon completion of FAOAC in 1986, Brigadier General Vandal was assigned to Baumholder, Germany, where he served as the Battalion Plans Officer and B Battery Commander in the 4th Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, 8th ID (M). After CGSC, Brigadier General Vandal served in the 2nd Battalion 82nd Field Artillery 1st Cavalry Division as the Brigade FSO and Battalion S-3. He also served as S-3 and XO for the 1st Cavalry Division Artillery. Brigadier General Vandal commanded the 1st Battalion, 37th Field Artillery, 3rd BCT, 2nd ID, Fort Lewis, Washington, and the 75th Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he deployed to Iraq in support of the 1st Cavalry Division. After Brigade Command, BG Vandal served as the Commander of the Operations Group at the Joint Multi-National Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany for three years. In 2008, he was assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> ID where he served as the Deputy Commanding General (S) for the Marne Division. While assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> ID, BG Vandal deployed to OIF and Operation New Dawn in Iraq as the DCG for US Division-North. Brigadier General Vandal's assignments also include: Assistant Professor of Military Science at the University of New Hampshire, G-3 XO for III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas, G-3 Training Officer for I Corps, Fort Lewis, Washington, and Plans Officer for the J-39, Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon.

BG Vandal assumed responsibility as the 48<sup>th</sup> Commandant of the U.S. Army Field Artillery School in December of 2010.

Brigadier General Vandal's badges include the Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Joint Staff Badge. His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (1OLC), Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3OLC), Joint Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2OLC), and the Army Achievement Medal (4OLC). Brigadier General Vandal was awarded a Master of Arts in Management from Webster University in 1986 and a Master of Science in National Security Studies from the National War College in 2003.

BG Vandal is married to the former Doreen Hulton. They have three sons proudly serving in the military: Nicholas (2LT, USMC); Eric (USMA '11), and Stephen (USNA '12)