

Brigadier General Richard A. Harrison



Brigadier General Richard A. Harrison assumed responsibility as the 44th Commandant of the U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery School, Chief of Air Defense Artillery, and Deputy Commanding General of the Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on August 20, 2020. His prior assignment was the Executive Officer to the Commanding General of UNC/CFC/USFK.

A native of North Carolina, BG Harrison was commissioned as an Air Defense Artillery Officer in 1994 from Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) in Elizabeth City, NC. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from ECSU, a Master of Arts in Policy Management from Georgetown University, and a Master of Science in Strategic Military Studies from the United States Army War College.

BG Harrison's military education includes the ADA Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC), and the United States Army War College (USAWC).

BG Harrison's first duty station was Fort Campbell, KY, where he served as an Avenger/Stinger Platoon Leader and Battery Executive Officer in 2-44 Air Defense Artillery (ADA) from April 1995 to May 1998. He later served at Schofield Barracks, HI as the Deputy Assistant Division Air Defense Officer for the 25th ID (Light), Battalion S-1/Adjutant and Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1-62 ADA from December 1998 to December 2001. He later commanded Charlie Battery, 1-62 ADA, in Fort Lewis, Washington, from February 2002 to March 2003.

BG Harrison served as an Army Intern in the Immediate Office of the Secretary of Defense from May 2003 to May 2004. From May 2004 to June 2006, he served as a Strategic Planner and Executive Officer for the Army Initiatives Group in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7. Also during this time, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) serving in numerous positions at the headquarters for Military Transition Teams in Iraq.

Upon graduation from Georgetown University, BG Harrison was stationed at Fort Bragg, NC and served as the Executive Officer for 3-4 Air Defense Artillery Regiment (ADAR) from June 2007 to June 2009. After graduating from CGSC, he returned to Fort Bragg and served as the Deputy Commanding Officer for the 108th ADA Brigade and later the Battalion Commander for 3-4 ADAR from June 2010 to May 2013. He deployed with elements of his battalion to the CENTCOM AOR in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). Following graduation from the U.S. Army War College, BG Harrison deployed to Doha, Qatar, where he served as the Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 (Forward) for the 32d Army Air Missile Defense Command (AAMDC) from June 2014 to March 2015 in support of OEF.

BG Harrison commanded the 69th ADA Brigade at Fort Hood, TX, from June 2015 to June 2017. While serving in brigade command, BG Harrison deployed with elements of his brigade to the CENTCOM AOR in support of OEF. In June 2017, BG Harrison relinquished command and was immediately assigned to the Joint Staff, Pentagon. During his tenure on the Joint Staff, BG Harrison served as the Division Chief for the Protection Division, Joint Staff J-3 and later as the Executive Assistant/Executive Officer to the Joint Staff J-3 from June 2017 to June 2019.

His military awards and decorations include: Defense Superior Service Medal (1 OLC), Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Ribbon, Korean Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (w/ numeral 4), Office of the

Secretary of Defense Identification Badge, Joint Staff Identification Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and German and Uruguayan Airborne Wings.

BG Harrison is married to the former Tyra Jones of Navassa, North Carolina and they have three children, Aliyah (24), Alexa (20), and Collin (15).