

# COLONEL RICHARD A. WEAVER



Colonel Richard A. Weaver is the Commander of Camp Ripley, Minnesota, the 53,000 acre National Guard Training Site located near Little Falls, Minnesota.

Colonel Weaver was born in Heron Lake, Minnesota, October 15, 1960. He graduated from high school in Brewster, Minnesota, and earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Winona State University, Winona, Minnesota.

He is a graduate of the United States Army War College, the United States Army Command and General Staff Officer Course, the Combined Arms and Service Staff School, the Signal Officer Advance Course, and the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course. He began his career when he enlisted in the South Dakota Army National Guard

on October 15, 1977. He was commissioned through the Minnesota National Guard Academy, Officer Candidate School, Camp Ripley, Minnesota on June 26, 1987. His previous command time includes company and battalion. He also served as Signal Battalion Assistant S-3 and the S-3, as the Education Services Officer, Force Integration Readiness Officer and the Mobilization Readiness Officer for the Minnesota Army National Guard

Colonel Weaver's military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Army Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and Humanitarian Service Medal. He was the distinguished graduate of his Signal Officer Advance Course class and on the Commandant's List of his Field Artillery Basic Course class.

Colonel Weaver and his wife Jodi have two sons, Justin who is 19 and is in his second year at Central Lakes Community College in Brainerd, Minnesota and Joshua who is 15 and is a 10<sup>th</sup> Grader at Little Falls Community High School in Little Falls.