

MAJOR GENERAL NEAL G. LOIDOLT



Commander, 34th Infantry Division

Major General Neal G. Loidolt assumed duties as Commanding General, 34th Infantry Division (Red Bull), Minnesota Army National Guard, Rosemount, Minnesota on 5 October 2013. He commands over 10,000 Soldiers of the storied "Red Bull" Division.

General Loidolt began his career in 1984 when he enlisted in the Minnesota Army National Guard as an Ammunition Specialist. He received his commission from Saint Cloud State University, Army Reserve Officers Training Corps in May 1987. He has served in numerous staff positions throughout his career and commanded at all levels through Division. His deployments include Deputy Director of Operations, Iraq Reconstruction Management Office, and United States Mission – Iraq and Chief of Staff, 34th

Infantry Division, United States Division-South in Basra, Iraq. Most recently he served as Deputy Commanding General-Maneuver of the 34th Infantry Division. General Loidolt is a Joint Qualified Officer and Dual Status Commander.

EDUCATION:

1988 Saint Cloud State University, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Saint Cloud, Minnesota

1992 Hamline University School of Law, Juris Doctor, Saint Paul, Minnesota

2000 US Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

2004 US Army War College, Senior Service Fellow, Harvard University, National Security Fellowship, Boston, Massachusetts

2011 Advanced Joint Professional Military Education, Norfolk, Virginia

2011 Dual Status Commander Course, United States Northern Command, Colorado Springs, Colorado

2012 Syracuse University, National Security Studies Management Course, Syracuse, New York

2012 George C. Marshall Center, Senior Executive Seminar, Countering Violent Extremism, Garmisch, Germany

2013 Enabling Mission Command Workshop, McLean, Virginia

2013 Army Strategic Leadership Development Program-Basic, Falls Church, Virginia

2013 Harvard University, General and Flag Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar, Boston, Massachusetts

2015 CAPSTONE

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. May 1987 – October 1989, Training Officer, Installation Support Unit, Little Falls, Minnesota
2. November 1989 – December 1990, Fire Support Team (FIST) Chief, (Detachment 4), 1-151 Field Artillery, Saint Cloud, Minnesota
3. January 1991 – September 1991, Fire Direction Officer, A Battery, 1st Battalion, 151st Field Artillery, Cloquet, Minnesota
4. October 1991 – September 1992, Executive Officer, C Battery, 1st Battalion, 151st Field Artillery, Anoka, Minnesota
5. October 1992 – September 1993, Executive Officer, A Battery, 1st Battalion, 125th Field Artillery, Luverne, Minnesota
6. September 1993 – September 1995, Battery Commander, A Battery, 1-151 Field Artillery, Pipestone, Minnesota
7. October 1995 – June 1996, Battery Commander, F Battery, 151st Field Artillery, Roseville, Minnesota
8. June 1996 – December 1996, Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 216th Air Defense Artillery, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota
9. December 1996 – October 1997, Assistant S3, 1st Battalion, 216th Air Defense Artillery, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota
10. October 1997 – October 1998, S3, 1st Battalion, 216th Air Defense Artillery, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota
11. October 1998 – April 1999, Operations & Training Officer, State Area Command (Detachment 4), Roseville, Minnesota
12. April 1999 – February 2002, Recruiting & Retention Manager, State Area Command (Detachment 4), Roseville, Minnesota
13. March 2002 – July 2003, Director of Personnel, Joint Force Headquarters, Saint Paul, Minnesota
14. July 2003 – July 2004, Senior Service College, National Security Fellowship, Harvard University, Boston Massachusetts
15. July 2004 – November 2004, Director of Personnel, Joint Force Headquarters, Saint Paul, Minnesota
16. November 2004 – January 2006, Commander, 175th Regiment, Regional Training Institute, Little Falls, Minnesota
17. January 2006 – July 2006, Deputy Director of Operations, Iraq Reconstruction Management Office, Baghdad, Iraq
18. July 2006 – February 2009, Chief of Staff, 34th Infantry Division, Rosemount, Minnesota
19. February 2009 – February 2010, Chief of Staff, United States Division - South, Basra, Iraq
20. February 2010 – November 2010, Chief of Staff, 34th Infantry Division, Rosemount, Minnesota
21. November 2010 – March 2011, J5 Plans and Policies, Joint Force Headquarters, Saint Paul, Minnesota
22. March 2011 – July 2012, Director of the Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters, Saint Paul, Minnesota
23. July 2012 – October 2013, Assistant Division Commander - Maneuver, 34th Infantry Division, Rosemount, Minnesota

24. October 2013 – Present, Commanding General, 34th Infantry Division, Rosemount, Minnesota

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Bronze Star Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Meritorious Service Medal (With 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
Army Commendation Medal (With 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
Army Achievement Medal
Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (With 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)
National Defense Service Medal (With 1 Bronze Service Star)
Iraqi Campaign Medal (with 2 Bronze Service Stars)
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (With Silver Hourglass, M Device and Numeral 2)
Army Service Ribbon
Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 2)
Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon
Minnesota Medal for Merit
Minnesota Commendation Ribbon
Minnesota State Active Duty Ribbon
Minnesota Distinguished Recruiting Ribbon (with 4 Stars)
Minnesota Service Ribbon (With XXX Device)
Parachutist Badge
Air Assault Badge
Army National Guard Strength Maintenance Basic Badge
Ancient Order of St. Barbara presented by Commandant USAADAS
Honorable Order of St. Barbara presented by the Field Artillery Association

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTIONS:

Second Lieutenant ARNG 27 May 1987
First Lieutenant ARNG 26 May 1990
Captain ARNG 03 November 1993
Major ARNG 05 February 1998
Lieutenant Colonel ARNG 04 February 2002
Colonel ARNG 4 August 2005
Brigadier General ARNG 14 July 2011
Major General ARNG 31 July 2014

(Current as of October 2014)