

*United States Army*  
**Brigadier General**  
**William J. Edwards**

**Deputy Commanding General**  
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Brig. Gen. William J. Edwards graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering from Cornell University. He also currently serves as the Land Component Commander (Army National Guard) for the Oregon National Guard where he is responsible for more than 6,000 Oregon Army National Guard Soldiers.

Brig. Gen. Edwards has served in a range of command and staff assignments including: Commander, Land Component Command, Oregon Joint Force Headquarters, J-3, Director of Joint Operations, Oregon National Guard, Commander, 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Oregon Army National Guard, various command and staff positions for the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry, Oregon Army National Guard as well platoon and command assignments within the 1st Battalion, 108th Infantry, New York Army National Guard.

His overseas assignments include: Two tours, Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq.

Brig. Gen. Edwards graduated from the Army War College with a Master's of Science Degree in Strategic Studies.

His awards and decorations include: The Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Army Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.