

Brigadier General Wayne L. Black

Commanding General, 81st Troop Command

Brigadier General Wayne L. Black is the Commanding General, 81st Troop Command, which consists of more than 2,100 soldiers and airmen. He is overall responsible for all Troop Command elements, including 5 separate companies, an attached Engineer Brigade, separate Engineer Battalion, Field Artillery Battalion, and CBRN Emergency Response Force Package (CERFP). General Black sets the goals and objectives for the command; Directs and supervises the long-range planning of major events and activities; Coordinates with higher headquarters to secure resources; and Directs training and logistics to achieve unit goals. He also serves as the Dual Status Commander for Joint Task Force 81 (JTF 81), when required.

General Black began his military career in 1984 upon receiving an ROTC commission from The Citadel in the Field Artillery. He served 11 years on active duty and 23 years in the Indiana Army National Guard. While on active duty, his assignments included service in South Korea; Fort Lewis, Washington; Kirchgoens, Germany; and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. During this time, he served in battery and battalion level positions. His last position on active duty was as an Operations Research Analyst.

In 1996, General Black joined the Indiana Army National Guard and has served in a number of command and staff positions at the State, Division, Brigade and Battalion levels. These positions include: SGS, 38th Infantry Division; S2, 38th Division Artillery; Battalion Executive Officer, 3-139 Field Artillery; G3, Task Force Eagle (SFOR-15); CJVB, Task Force Eagle (SFOR-15); S3, 38th Division Artillery; Battalion Commander, 3-139 FA; Commander, RPAC-N (Afghanistan); G-1, JFHQ-IN; CFMO, JFHQ-IN; and Assistant Adjutant General - Army.

Over the course of his military career, his deployments include service in Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Bosnia and Afghanistan. General Black's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge and a list of other awards. His military education includes Field Artillery Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Services Staff School, Operations Research/Systems Analysis Course, Command and General Staff Officer's Course, and the US Army War College.

In his civilian career, General Black is a manufacturing supervisor for LSC Communications. He has worked for LSC Communications in Crawfordsville, Indiana since 1995.

General Black has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from The Citadel, a Master of Business Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University, and a master's degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

General Black is married to Symea and they have three children and four grandchildren.