

BRIGADIER GENERAL TIMOTHY (TIM) E. ORR: BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Brigadier General Tim Orr was born in Winterset and raised in Earlham and Boone. Orr enlisted in the Iowa Army National Guard during his senior year of high school, graduating from Boone (Iowa) High School in 1979. After attending basic training and advanced individual training at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga., his first assignment was as a heavy anti-armor gunner with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 34th Brigade. He received his officer's commission through the U.S. Army's Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning on Aug. 20, 1985.

Orr has commanded at the company, battalion and brigade level. His most recent command assignment was as the Commander of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, Iowa Army National Guard, from October 2004 to October 2007. Following that assignment, Orr served as the Chief of Staff, Iowa Army National Guard, from October 2007 to December 2008. Orr served briefly as the Deputy Adjutant General, Iowa Army National Guard, from January through March 2009, before being appointed as The Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard by Governor Chet Culver on March 26, 2009.

Orr received an Associate's Degree in Business from Des Moines Area Community College (Boone, Iowa) in 1981. He then attended Drake University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Education, as well as a coaching endorsement, in 1983. In 1991, he was awarded a Masters degree in Education and Community College Certification from Iowa State University. He also received a Masters degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College (Carlisle, Pa.), in 2003.

His military schools include: Ranger School, Airborne School, Pathfinder School, Canadian Military Parachute Descents, Tank Commanders Certification Course, Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College.

Orr's military awards include: the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (with five oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with two oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal, Ranger Tab, Pathfinder Badge, Parachutist Badge and Canadian Airborne Badge.