



MAJOR GENERAL LAURA L. YEAGER
COMMANDER, CALIFORNIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Major General Laura L. Yeager assumed command of the California Army National Guard on June 20th, 2019 and concurrently serves as the Commander, 40TH Infantry Division effective June 29th, 2019. Prior to her current assignment, she served as the Commander, Joint Task Force North-US NORTHCOM.

Major General Yeager's active military service began in May of 1986 after receiving her commission as a Distinguished Military Graduate from the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the California State University, Long Beach. Her first assignment was as a Medical Platoon Leader, 423RD Medical Company, Fort Lewis, Washington, followed by attendance at the Initial Entry Rotary Wing training school at Fort Rucker, Alabama and service as an Aeromedical Evacuation Pilot. Subsequent active duty assignments include Assistant Floor administrator and Company Commander at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Aeromedical Platoon Leader at Fort Hood, Texas, and Instructor at the Army Medical Department Center and School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

After transitioning to the National Guard in 1995, Major General Yeager served in a variety of assignments in both the California and Texas National Guard including Operations Officer and Commander of the 3-140TH Security and Support Battalion, Equal Opportunity Advisor and S-1 of the 49TH Aviation Brigade, Deputy Commander of the 40TH Combat Aviation Brigade during its deployment in support of Operation NEW DAWN 2010-2011, assuming command of the same brigade in 2012, and Director of Joint Staff of the California National Guard.

Major General Yeager's awards and qualifications include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (3rd Award), Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (4th Award), the Expert Field Medical Badge, the Senior Army Aviation Badge with over 1500 flight hours, and the Army Parachutist Badge. She is qualified as a UH-1 Pilot/Instructor Pilot and UH-60 Pilot.

Her civilian education includes a Baccalaureate Degree in Psychology from the University of California at Irvine and a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology from Chapman University College. Major General Yeager is also a graduate of the United States Army War College from where she earned a Master's degree in Strategic Studies. She and her husband, Curtis, have four grown sons.

