

## Cooper Appoints Adjutant General Of NC National Guard

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NC Army National Guard Brig. Gen. Todd Hunt will take command of the North Carolina National Guard's nearly 12,000 soldiers and airmen and over 1,700 full-time federal and state employees as the state's 41st Adjutant General. "General Hunt has been a trusted member of the leadership team and critical to the Guard's success, particularly during natural disasters," said Governor Roy Cooper. "I am confident that his reputation for preparation and swift response will mean the N.C. National Guard is always ready when called."

An official Change of Command ceremony will follow in the coming weeks. General Hunt will replace Major General Gregory Lusk.

"I wish to thank Major General Lusk for his nearly nine years of service through numerous types of disasters, offering steady advice to three Governors," added Governor Cooper.

"Brigadier General Hunt is a proven professional and leader," Public Safety Secretary Erik A. Hooks added. "He cares deeply about our soldiers and airmen, North Carolinians and the country. His skills and broad experience will without a doubt serve the Guard and the public well, as he builds on the solid foundation already in place."

"Governor Cooper has selected the right leader to lead the NC National Guard Always Ready - Ready Team of Citizen soldiers and airmen into the future. BG Hunt is a consummate, professional Soldier with a breadth and depth of experience in domestic and international operations," said Major General Gregory Lusk. His abilities to foster and strengthen partnerships around the state and nation is unmatched. I am proud of Governor Cooper's selection and wish to extend my personal, heartfelt congratulations to Todd and his equally serving family on this well-deserved appointment."

Since Oct. 1, 2016, Brig. Gen. Todd Hunt's assignment was as the Director of Joint Staff and Assistant Adjutant General for Maneuver. In this capacity he managed day-to-day operations of the Joint Staff, State Operations, and combat arms maneuver units. Hunt is also the Deputy Commanding General - Army National Guard for U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence located at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

Hunt received his commission in 1987 through the Army ROTC Department at East Carolina University where he also earned a Bachelor of Science in Geology and a minor in Military

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Science. Hunt commissioned as an aviation officer, completing initial rotary-wing aviation training at Fort Rucker, in 1990.

Hunt has commanded NC Army National Guard aviation units at all levels, serving in multiple leadership and staff roles within the Aviation Branch and Joint Force Headquarters. He has deployed twice overseas.

He holds a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College and is a graduate of the Naval Post Graduate Program for Executives in Homeland Defense and Security. He resides in Cary with his wife Kim and they have two sons.