

Brigadier General Mark G. Malanka
40th Infantry Division Commander
California Army National Guard

Brigadier General (P) Mark G. Malanka assumed Command of the 40th Infantry Division on 01 February 2017. First enlisting into the United States Navy in August 1976; his career spans over 30 years in the California Army National Guard. Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant through the California State OCS program, he was branched as an Armor Officer in 1987. Prior to serving as a Battalion Commander, he has successfully served in numerous assignments within the California Army National Guard throughout his 30 year career, to include; Assistant S-3, Tank Platoon Leader, Heavy Mortar Platoon Leader, and Company Commander. While serving as the Commander of the 1-149th Armor Battalion, his Battalion took part in Operation NOBLE EAGLE III and then deployed with elements of the 1-149th Armor Battalion to Bosnia as part of 40th Infantry Division's mobilization for KFOR 6A. Upon his return, he served as the 40th Infantry Division's Assistant G3, deploying as G3 for the 40th Infantry Division's second mobilization for KFOR 11. He then assumed command of 79th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) and under his leadership the Brigade supported numerous mobilizations, state emergencies, and a rotation at the National Training Center located at Fort Irwin, CA. He was selected for promotion to Brigadier General, and in May 2014 was assigned as the Assistant Division Commander of Operations for the 40th Infantry Division, as well as Senior Commander for Camp Roberts, CA. He served with the 40th Infantry Division during the Warfighter rotation in July 2013 and Allied Spirit V in May 2016, where he deployed the 40th Infantry Division TAC to Hohenfels, Germany as senior operational headquarters for the NATO-based exercise. In November 2016 he also served as the Dual-Status Commander for exercise VIGILANT GUARD XVII in Los Alamitos, CA. In Jun 2017 he led the 40th Infantry Division through a major Warfighter exercise at Camp Atterbury, IN, and prepared to mobilize elements of the 40th Infantry Division headquarters in support of Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL (OFS).



Brigadier General (P) Malanka's civilian and military education includes a Bachelor of Arts in Business from University of Phoenix, Master of Science in Emergency and Disaster Management from Trident University and Master of Strategic Studies from the US Army War College, as well as JTF Commander Course and Dual Status Commander Course.

Brigadier General (P) Malanka's federal military awards include: the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, the Navy Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement

Medal with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal with Bronze Star, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Silver Hourglass Device, "M" Device, and Numeral 2, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with Numeral 2, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon with Numeral 2, Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and the NATO Non-Article 5 (Balkans) Medal.