

Major General Kurt J. Ryan

Commanding General

A graduate of York College of Pennsylvania, Major General Kurt J. Ryan was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Regular Army in 1987.

He began active duty service in the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps, a career now spanning 29 years. The majority of his defense experience is with tactical Army formations, twice serving as a Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division, two tours with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), a tour in Germany with the 1st Armored Division, duty in upstate New York with the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), and assignment with the First U.S. Corps in Washington State. He comes to Scott Air Force Base from Fort Lee, Virginia where he recently served as Chief of Ordnance and Ordnance School Commandant.



He commanded troops on five occasions; as a Company Commander in Germany, Battalion Commander in North Carolina, Brigade Commander in New York, Commanding General of an Expeditionary Sustainment Command in Washington State and as the CG, U.S. Army Ordnance Corps in Virginia.

Over his career, he participated in seven named military operations, ranging from humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (New Orleans and the Philippines), peace-enforcement and peace-keeping (Bosnia-Herzegovina), and four combat tours in U.S. Central Command (Iraq and Afghanistan).

General Ryan has a lifelong passion to continue to learn and grow. He is a graduate of numerous military schools and received two Masters of Science degrees; from the Florida Institute of Technology (Logistics Management) and the U.S. Army's War College (Strategic Studies).

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit w/OLC, Bronze Star Medal w/ OLC, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal w/ OLC, and the Army Meritorious Service Medal w/ 5 OLC. He proudly wears the Master Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Ranger tab.