

COL EDWARD “Ted” E. HILDRETH
Commander
100th Missile Defense Brigade (GMD)

COL Edward “Ted” E. Hildreth III assumes command as the fourth brigade commander of the 100th Missile Defense Brigade, Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD), Colorado Army National Guard. COL Hildreth earned his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering and was commissioned as an Air Defense Artillery officer from the Army ROTC program at Vanderbilt University in 1988. After graduating from the ADA Officer Basic Course in 1989, he served as Vulcan/Stinger platoon leader and executive officer in Battery A, 2-44th ADA Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). There, he participated in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm from August 1990 through April 1991.



After completion of the ADA Advanced Course, he was assigned to the 4-3d ADA, 3d Infantry Division (Mechanized) in Wuerzburg, Germany. He served as the assistant operations officer and then commanded Battery B (Bradley Stinger Fighting Vehicle equipped) from 1994-1995. During his battery command, he deployed his unit to Saudi Arabia for six months for a security force mission in support of Operation Southern Watch.

COL Hildreth began his Army National Guard career with the 1-203d ADA Battalion (Patriot) of the Alabama National Guard in 1998, where he served as the assistant operations officer until 2000. Also during this time, he served in a temporary tour of active duty assignment with an Army Acquisition Product Manager office, Air and Missile Defense Command and Control Systems. In this capacity, he was responsible for fielding the Army Battle Command Systems to each of the 10 active duty ADA battalions. In 2000, COL Hildreth transitioned to the ARNG Title-10 program where he served again in an acquisition assignment with the Distributed Training Technology Project. In 2001, COL Hildreth was selected for a graduate studies fellowship, completing his master’s degree in engineering management at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in 2002. After graduate school, he was assigned as chief live, Virtual and Constructive Training Team, ARNG Directorate, Arlington, Va., where he served until assuming responsibility as chief, Collective Training Branch in 2004.

COL Hildreth took command of the 49th Missile Defense Battalion (GMD), Alaska Army National Guard, in Fort Greely, Alaska, in May 2006. Upon completion of battalion command, he attended the U. S. Army War College resident course at Carlisle Barracks, Penn. After graduating from the War College, he deployed to Afghanistan to lead the National Guard Affairs Team supporting the 82nd Airborne Division, Operation Enduring Freedom. In June 2010, he was assigned as division chief, Mobilization and Readiness Division at the ARNG Directorate.

COL Hildreth is married and has three children.

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