



Major General Gordon L. Ellis

38th Infantry Division Commanding General



Major General Gordon L. Ellis was selected as the 38th Infantry Division Commanding General effective January of 2018.

As the Commanding General, he is responsible for the continued development of the Division into a cohesive, combat ready unit capable of planning and coordinating timely and effective plans and orders, while also managing personnel for peacetime and wartime missions for the State of Indiana and the United States.

Prior to his current assignment, he was the Deputy Commanding General (Sustainment) of the 38th Infantry Division. Career highlights include service as the Deputy Commander, 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan in 2011 and Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2008. In 2004-2005, he served in Kosovo as the Commander for the 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry (Mechanized). He served as the Dual Status Commander for the 2016 Republican National Convention. Commanded the 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry (Mechanized) conducting Security, Search and Rescue operations in support of Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in New Orleans, Louisiana in 2005. Served as the Deputy Commanding General for JTF JUPITER in support of Hurricane Irma in Florida in 2017. In his civilian career, Gordon Ellis is the Sheriff of Brown County, Ohio.

Major General Ellis has also served in several key leadership positions which include: Rifle Platoon Leader and Executive Officer, Company C, 1st Battalion, 147th Infantry; Commander, Company B, 1st Battalion, 147th Infantry; Instructor, Regional Training Institute; Commander/Senior TAC Officer, Headquarters, 145th Regiment; S-2, S-3 and Executive Officer, 512th Engineer Battalion; and Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 107th Cavalry.

He earned his B.S. degree from The University of the State of New York and Master in Education from Muskingum College. Major General Ellis has graduated from Police Executive Leadership College and Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. He is a graduate of the United States Army War College, Maneuver Center of Excellence, Joint Task Force Commander Training and Senior Executives in National and International Security.

Major General Ellis' awards include Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (with 1 Bronze Cluster), Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf/3 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star), Humanitarian Service Medal Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Gold Hourglass, M Device) and NATO Medal with Bronze Service Star Army Superior Unit Award Army Service Ribbon Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 4 Device) among others.