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ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL - AIR
Brigadier General Robert E. Hargens

Brigadier General Robert E. Hargens is the Assistant Adjutant General - Air, Nebraska National Guard. In this capacity, he has the overall responsibility for the organization, training, and equipment of the 155th Air Refueling Wing in Lincoln, Nebraska and the 170th Group at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. He serves as the principal advisor to the Adjutant General on complex and sensitive issues in the areas of logistics, command and control, communications, manpower and personnel, and other support functions related to mission operations.

Brig Gen Hargens joined the United States Marine Corps in 1987 and was commissioned in 1990 through the Platoon Leaders Course program. After receiving designation as a Naval Aviator, he was assigned to the Fleet Marine Force and deployed multiple times as an AH-1W pilot. Brig Gen Hargens transitioned to the Nebraska Air National Guard in 1999, and was a distinguished graduate of the KC-135R Qualification Course. He has previously commanded a civil engineer squadron, an air refueling squadron, a maintenance group, served as Vice Commander of the 155th Air Refueling Wing, and most recently served as the Wing Commander of the 155th Air Refueling Wing. He has deployed in support of operations Joint Forge, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, as well as a number of other contingency, humanitarian, and domestic operations.

Brig Gen Hargens' education includes a Bachelor of Science in Construction Management from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Master of Science in Engineering with a Business Minor from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Warfighting Skills Program, Air Command and Staff College, Air War College, Advanced Joint Professional Military Education, and Joint Task Force Commander Training.

Brig Gen Hargens' awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with two bronze oak leaf clusters, Air Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and numerous other awards.

Brig Gen Hargens and his wife, Kelie, reside on an acreage near Branched Oak Lake and have six children.