

COL Curtis W. King assumed responsibility as the 45th Commandant of the U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery School, Chief of Air Defense Artillery, and Deputy Commanding General of the Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on July 7, 2022. His prior assignment was the Director, DAMO-Fires HQDA G-3/5/7 at the Pentagon.

COL Curtis King comes from Central City, Kentucky. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in West Point with a Bachelor of Science degree and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army in 1996. He also holds a Master of Science in Strategic Military Studies from the United States War College.

From 1997-1999, COL King's served as a Platoon Leader and Battalion Fire Direction OIC in 1-7 Air Defense Artillery at Kaiserslautern, Germany, and Fort Bliss, TX. From 2000 to 2002, he served as the t Brigade Assistant S-3, in 108th Air Defense Artillery, Commander Alpha Battery, 3rd BN 6th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Commander, Delta Battery, 1st BN 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Fort Bliss, TX. In 2005 COL King served as the Missile Defense Planner, Joint Functional Component for Integrated Missile Defense at Peterson Air Force Base Colorado Springs CO. From 2007 to 2009 he served as the Battalion Operations Officer, 3rd BN 4 Air Defense Artillery Regiment, and Brigade Operations Officer, 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Fort Bragg, NC.

In 2010, COL King was assigned as the Commander for Task Force Torkham, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st AASLT Division in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan. He also served as the Deputy Commander, 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, and as the Battalion Commander, 1st BN 7th Air Defense Battalion, Fort Bragg, NC from 2011-2013.

In 2015, Col was assigned to the Joint Special Access Program Office Chief, Pentagon. In 2017 COL King took command of the 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Fort Hood, TX. After relinquishing command, he served as Plans Director, FORSOM G3/5/7, Fort Bragg, NC.

COL King's military education includes the Air Defense Artillery Basic and Captain's Courses, Command and General Staff College, US Army War College, and Airborne School. His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters; Bronze Star; Meritorious Service Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters; Army Commendation Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters; and the Joint Service Achievement Medal.

COL King is married to the former Kimberly Wilcox, and they have 3 children.