

Irwin promoted to brigadier general in Missouri National Guard

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ST. LOUIS – **David F. Irwin**, of Ballwin, was recently promoted to brigadier general in the Missouri Army National Guard during a ceremony at Jefferson Barracks.

Irwin is the commander of the 35th Engineer Brigade, based at Fort Leonard Wood. The brigade undertakes, plans, integrates and directs the execution of engineer missions conducted by the Missouri National Guard.

“The promotion is quite humbling and quite an honor. I look forward to the challenge and want to do what’s right by all of the great Soldiers I work with,” said Irwin.

The Jefferson Barracks location for his promotion had a special significance for Irwin.

“It means a lot to be promoted to brigadier general here at Jefferson Barracks,” said Irwin. “I enlisted in the Missouri National Guard at Jefferson Barracks in 1983 and was promoted to colonel here. I also served with the 70th Troop Command, which is based here.”

Maj. Gen. King Sidwell, adjutant general of the Missouri National Guard, honored Irwin during the ceremony.

“Dave Irwin is an outstanding man,” Sidwell said. “He has great accomplishments and the admiration and respect of the Soldiers. There is no higher praise for a man, in my mind, than the support and respect of the Soldiers he serves. I think this is a great day for Missouri.”

Irwin has 26 years of military service in the active duty Army and Missouri Army National Guard.

He has diverse experience, having served with a number of units in the Missouri National Guard, including Battery B-128th Field Artillery, 135th Field Artillery Brigade, 70th Troop Command, and the 35th Engineer Brigade.

Irwin's promotion follows a long list of Army and civilian accomplishments.

Irwin earned a Master's of Business Administration from St. Louis University in 1993 and a Master's in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in 2002. He served as executive officer for Battery B, 128th Field Artillery; as the operations and intelligence officer for the 135th Field Artillery Brigade; and was commander of the 70th Troop Command from 2004 to 2007. Irwin received the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal.

A graduate of the Boeing Executive Development Program, Irwin served on special assignment as assistant to the chief executive and chief operating officers of Boeing Integrated Defense Systems. He currently works at Boeing Integrated Defense Systems in St. Louis.

"I will do my best for the Soldiers in my brigade and for all of the Soldiers in the Missouri Army National Guard," said Irwin.

Irwin and his wife Karen have two children, David, 17, and Stephen, 15.