

# Biography

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## Deputy Commanding General for Army National Guard



Maj. Gen. John L. Gronski, a native of Moosic, Pennsylvania, assumed the duties as Deputy Commanding General for Army National Guard, U.S. Army Europe May 1, 2016.

Maj. Gen. Gronski received his commission in the United States Army in May 1978 through the ROTC program at the University of Scranton, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Previous key assignments include duty as the 37th Commanding General of the 28th Infantry Division from September 2012-April 2016. He also served as Deputy Adjutant General–Army, Pennsylvania National Guard, commander of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division (Forward), Ramadi, Iraq; commander of 55th Brigade, 28th Infantry Division (Forward), Task Force Keystone, Central Region, Europe; Military Liaison Team Chief

in the Republic of Lithuania; and command and staff assignments with infantry and armor units. He has served as J2/3, Joint Force Headquarters, Pennsylvania National Guard. General Gronski has commanded infantry units at the company, battalion, brigade and division level.

Maj. Gen. Gronski is a graduate of numerous military schools to include the U.S. Army War College, the Command and General Staff Course, the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Ranger School, and Airborne School.

His military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Governor's Unit Citation, Combat Infantry Badge, Ranger Tab, Basic Parachutist Badge, the Order of Saint Maurice in the rank of Primicerius which is awarded by the National Infantry Association, and the Republic of Lithuania Medal of Merit.

Maj. Gen. Gronski is a graduate of the University of Scranton where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services. He holds a Master of Business Administration from Penn State University, and a Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Maj. Gen. Gronski has attended Alvernia University as a doctoral student in the corporate leadership program. Maj. Gen. Gronski is a certified Project Management Professional and holds a master certificate as a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt from Villanova University.

Maj. Gen. Gronski is a member of VFW Post 6150 in Sinking Spring, PA. He is the recipient of the Frank J. O'Hara Award in the Government Service Category, the highest award bestowed jointly by the University of Scranton and the Alumni Society. He is also a recipient of the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award and James E. West Award. The Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars presented the prestigious Eagle Award to Maj. Gen. Gronski in recognition for his combat service and his leadership of the 28th Infantry Division. He is also a member of the Union League of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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