

Brigadier General Russell A. Crane serves as the Division East deputy commanding general for operations. Brig. Gen. Crane was commissioned as an infantry officer from the Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1987.

Brig. Gen. Crane graduated from Marshall University with a bachelor of arts in criminal justice. He has also earned a master of science in strategic leadership from Mountain State University and a master of strategic studies from the United States Army War College.

He has served in a variety of leadership positions, most with Special Forces and Special Operations units, and was most recently the Land Component Commander for the West Virginia Army National Guard.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star) Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass, "M" Device, and Numeral 3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 2), Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (with Numeral 4) United Nations Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Combat Infantryman Badge, Special Forces Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Basic Parachutist Badge, Military Freefall Jumpmaster Parachutist Badge, Military Freefall Parachutist Badge, Scuba Diver Badge, Special Operations Diver Badge, German Parachutist Badge in Bronze, West Virginia Meritorious Service Medal West Virginia Commendation Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), West Virginia Emergency Service Ribbon (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), and the West Virginia State Service Ribbon (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters).