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Maj. Nicholas Gabriel Kardong is the commander of Beckley Military Entrance Processing Station and supports the USMEPCOM mission of evaluating applicants by applying Department of Defense standards in processing and determining eligibility for military service.

He received his commission in May 2012 through Army ROTC at Washington State University, Pullman, Washington.

Maj. Kardong served as a rifle platoon leader, Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Republic of Korea; strength manager, Headquarters Troop, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Irwin, California; executive officer, Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Irwin, California; squadron human resources officer, Headquarters Troop, 5th Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas and deployed to Poland; rear detachment brigade human resources officer, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas; brigade human resources officer, 48th Chemical Brigade, 20th Chemical Command, Fort Hood, Texas; commander, Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison and Installation Reception Center, Headquarters Battalion, III Armored Corps, Fort Hood, Texas.

His military education includes Airborne, Infantry Basic Officer Leader Course, Mechanized Infantry Leader Course, Lean Six Sigma Black Belt, the Adjutant General Captain Career Course, and the Command & General Staff College. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Washington State University, and a Master of Arts in political psychology from Arizona State University.

Maj. Kardong's military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, five Army Achievement Medals and various service, unit, and personal medals and ribbons.