

BRIGADIER GENERAL HENRY C. MCCANN

COMMANDER, 261st Signal Brigade



Brigadier General Henry C. McCann was born on 15 June 1952, in Salisbury Maryland. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Delaware in 1975, a Master's of Science in Business Administration from Boston University in 1983, and a Masters in Strategic Studies in 2001. His military education includes: Field Artillery Officer Basic, Chemical, Biological, Radiological Officer Course, Army Maintenance Management System Course, Field Artillery Advanced Course, Initial Entry Rotary Wing Aviator Course, CH-47 Aviator Qualification Course, Battalion S-1 Personnel Management Course, Rotary Wing Instrument Qualification Course, Command and General Staff Officer Course, Signal Officer Branch Qualification Course, Digital Group Multiplexer (DGM) Integration Training, Battle Focused Instructor Training Course, Signal Brigade and Battalion Command Course and U.S. Army War College.

General McCann was commissioned a second Lieutenant of Field Artillery through the ROTC program in 1975 and served in the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii with the 2/11th Field Artillery until attending rotary wing training. He received his flight training in 1979 and has flown CH-47s with the 295th Aviation Company, the V Corps Aviation in Germany and the Chinook Battalion in the 101st Airmobile Division. Approaching ten years of active duty, General McCann returned to Delaware to assist in the family business where he has been employed since 1985 as a co-owner in Destination Developments, Inc., a community management firm.

Since joining the Delaware Army National Guard in 1986 as Executive Officer of the 198th Aviation Company, General McCann has had a series of key command and staff assignments. He commanded the 198th Aviation Company from 1986-1989 where he received the Captain Robert Kirkwood Award for the Delaware Army National Guard, Commander of the Year. He served as the Aviation Staff Officer with the 261st Signal Command before taking the Signal Qualification Course in 1992 where he was the distinguished graduate. Since 1992 other key assignments include: Operations Officer and Executive of the 280th Signal Battalion, Operations Officer for the Deputy Chief of Staff Information Management 261st Signal Command, Operations Officer of the 72nd Troop Command, Battalion Commander of the 198th Signal Battalion, Director of Personnel for the Delaware Army National Guard, Deputy Brigade Commander of the 261st Signal Brigade, and Commander of the 72nd Troop Command.

General McCann's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Bronze Hourglass), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Training Ribbon (with numeral 6), Senior Army Aviator Badge, Delaware Distinguish Service Medal, Delaware Medal for Military Merit (with numeral 3), Delaware National Defense Ribbon (with numeral 2), Commander of the Year Award, Signal Regiment Bronze Order of the Mercury and Artillery's Honorable Order of Saint Barbara.

General McCann is married to Bonnie and resides in Milford, Delaware.