

Brigadier General Brian J. McKiernan
Commandant, US Army Field Artillery School



Brigadier General Brian J. McKiernan was born in Providence, Rhode Island, and is a 1986 distinguished military graduate of the Vanderbilt University ROTC program. Upon completion of the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, BG McKiernan was assigned to Augsburg, Germany where he served as Fire Direction Officer and Firing Platoon Leader in 1st Battalion, 36th Field Artillery and as Aide-de-Camp to the VII Corps Artillery Commander.

After attending the Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course, BG McKiernan was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division Artillery, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. During his tour, he served as Brigade Targeting Officer, Task Force Fire Support Officer and Firing Battery Commander, and participated in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

In June 1996, after completion of a Masters Degree in Operations Research and Systems Analysis at George Mason University, BG McKiernan was assigned to the Army Staff where he served as an enlisted manpower analyst in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

Following attendance at the Marine Corps Command and General Staff College in 1998-1999, he reported to the 2nd Infantry Division Artillery at Camp Stanley, Korea, where he served as S3 of 6th Battalion, 37th Field Artillery (MLRS), and S3 of 2nd Infantry Division Artillery. BG McKiernan then moved to Seoul, Korea, and served as Theater Operations Officer, CJ3, ROK-US Combined Forces Command.

BG McKiernan assumed command of TF 4-27 Field Artillery, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division in Baghdad, Iraq, in July 2003 and redeployed with the battalion to Baumholder, Germany, in July 2004. After Battalion Command, he was assigned as the Senior Fire Support Trainer at the Joint Multinational Training Center in Hohenfels, Germany.

In June 2007 He graduated from the United States Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania and

was again assigned to Korea where he commanded the 210th Fires Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. In July 2009, he deployed again to Baghdad, Iraq where he served as the Chief of Staff, United States Forces Iraq, J-9. Upon redeployment in September 2010, he was assigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, U.S. Army Reserve Command. He has served as the Commandant of the United States Field Artillery School since Jan, 2012.

BG McKiernan's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (2), the Bronze Star Medal with "V"(1), the Bronze Star Medal(3), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal(4), the Joint Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal(4), the Army Achievement Medal(3), the Southwest Asia Service Medal(with 2 Bronze Stars), the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, the Saudi Arabia-Kuwait Liberation Medal, the Army Staff Identification Badge, the Senior Parachutist Badge, and the Combat Action Badge.

BG McKiernan is married to the former Sharon Winn of Vienna, Virginia. She is an active duty Army COL and Army Physician. They have four daughters.