



*Mrs. Michelle Fryc and their oldest daughter, Katrina, replaced Brig. Gen. Donald G. Fryc's colonel shoulder board insignia with the insignia of a brigadier general at his promotion ceremony on 3 July 2013 at Fort Sill.*



*The Brig. Gen. Donald and Michelle Fryc family photographed at Christmas 2012, in age order from the top: Joshua, Katrina, David, Esther, Paul, Julia and Jacob.*



## MEET ADA'S NEWEST GENERAL

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By Mitch Meador

**Fort Sill, Okla.** – On 3 July 2013, amid a crowd of family, friends, dignitaries and well wishers, Col. Donald G. Fryc was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General on the Old Post Quadrangle Parade Field.

In his opening remarks, Fort Sill Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Mark McDonald, praised Fryc's tenacity and initiative during his military career, and said he could not think of anyone more deserving. To further make his point, McDonald told the audience that only .00007 percent of individuals on active duty are selected for promotion to general officer, and compared it to finding and threading a needle in haystack.

Brig Gen. Fryc a dedicated family man ensured that his wife Michelle and each of their seven children had a key role in the promotion ceremony. In his first public speech as a general officer, Fryc paid tribute to his family for their unflinching encouragement, support and love – even though his home was not a democracy. He singled out Michelle and each of their children individually, with touching personal tributes. He acknowledged inspiration from his Father (his first 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt.) and Mother (both deceased) and gave thanks to his sisters and their spouses for their constant support and for fulfilling family obligations when he could not. He thanked in-laws and church families for allowing himself and his clan to be a part of theirs. Fryc honored the Army team members, past and present, who inspired and mentored him, and from whom he learned so much. Concluding his speech, Fryc gave praise and thanks to *God* for making him, his family and his career a part of *his* divine plan.

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***Donald Fryc Climbs the Army Ranks to General over His 31-Year Career*** (Isanti County News/2 July 2013) Written by Greg Hunt at <http://isanticountynews.com/2013/07/02/donald-fryc-climbs-the-army-ranks-to-general-over-his-31-year-career/>

***A Star in Time for Independence Day*** (The Post Review/3 July 2013) <http://ecmpostreview.com/2013/07/03/a-star-in-time-for-independence-day/>

***Air Defense Artillery Chief Stars in Promotion Ceremony*** (The Lawton Constitution/4 July 2013) written by Mitch Meador at <http://www.swoknews.com/news-top/local/item/8439-air-defense-artillery-chief-stars-in-promotion-ceremony>

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