

LTC David McRae

David Orson McRae is a native of Bountiful, UT and received his commission in the Field Artillery (FA) as a Distinguished Military Graduate of the University of Utah. He first served as a Platoon Fire Direction Officer with 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea; Company Fire Support Officer then Battery Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, WA.

His subsequent assignments were: Battalion/Squadron Fire Support Officer 1st Battalion, 33rd Armor later 2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry (RSTA), 1st Brigade, 25th ID, Fort Lewis, WA; Battalion S4 and Battalion Operations Officer, 1st Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, 41st FA BDE, Babenhausen, GE; Squadron Fire Support Officer, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Bidingen, GE; MLRS Battery Commander, 1st Battalion, 94th Field Artillery, 1st Armored Division, Idar-Oberstein, GE, then 17th Fires Brigade, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA (JBLM); Corps Assistant Fires Support Coordinator (AFSCOORD), I Corps; and Chief, I CORPS ARFORGEN Execution Cell, JBLM.

His key leadership assignments include serving as a MLRS Battery Commander in Germany, Romania, and JBLM; Battalion S3 and Executive Officer, 5th Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery (HIMARS) at JBLM, WA; Brigade S3, 17th Fires Brigade in Kuwait and Iraq, and most recently as the Artillery Test Division Chief for the Fires Test Directorate; Operational Test Command at Fort Sill, OK.

LTC McRae had multiple combat tours in the Global War on Terrorism including: deputy FUOPS targeting officer, Combined Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC), 3rd Army, Kuwait/Iraq; Corps AFSCOORD, Iraq; and 17th Fires BDE S3 in Kuwait then Iraq. He also deployed to Romania as part of Joint Task Force – East.

LTC McRae holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the University of Utah, and a Master of Science in Management from the University of Maryland University College.

His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Parachutist Badge, and various other awards and foreign parachutist badges.

Lieutenant Colonel McRae is married to Major (Retired) Andrea McRae and they have four children (quadruplets); three boys, Mason, Nathan, and Peyton, and a girl, Molly.