

## Colonel Michael S. McBride



Colonel Michael S. McBride is a native of Danville, Illinois and a graduate of the University of Illinois. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advance Courses, the Command and General Staff College, and the US Army War College. He holds a masters degree in Strategic Studies from the Army War College.

Colonel McBride is a career infantryman. He served as a rifle platoon leader and company executive officer in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Republic of Korea. He was then assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division from 1986 – 1989 where he served as rifle company executive officer, assistant S-3, and battalion S-3. After attending the Infantry Officer Advance Course, Colonel McBride was assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 187<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) where he served as the Commander, Bravo Company during Operation Desert Storm and later as the Commander of Headquarters Company. He then served as Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) and assistant Division Comptroller. After attending the Command and General Staff College, Colonel McBride was assigned to Fort Bragg where he served as the operations officer of the Airborne and Special Operations Test Directorate, Battalion S-3, and Executive Officer of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 504<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, Deputy G-3, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, and Executive Officer, 325<sup>th</sup> Airborne Infantry Regiment. He was then assigned to the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii where he served as the G-3, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, and as Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, during which time the battalion deployed to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom. Following attendance at the U.S. Army War College, Colonel McBride rejoined the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) and served on the Division Staff for the final three months of their deployment for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Colonel McBride assumed command of 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault) in December 2006. He is currently commanding the Bastogne Brigade in the Salah ad Din Province of Iraq.

Colonel McBride's awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device (2 awards), Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), Army Commendation Medal (4 awards), Army Achievement Medal (2 awards), National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star), Southwest Asia Medal (with 2 Bronze Stars), Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2 awards), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait). He has earned the Combat Infantryman's Badge (2 awards), Expert Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

Colonel McBride is accompanied by his wife Becky of 19 years and their son Dylan, 7 years of age.