

## THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS ANNVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA 17003-5002

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Honorable Tom Wolf Governor Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

Under the provisions of 51 Pa. C.S.A. Section 901 and 1103, I am pleased to forward the nomination for a Certificate of Eligibility to Major General in the Army National Guard for Brigadier General Mark D. McCormack. The projected assignment is Commander, Headquarters Support Company, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, vice MG Schaefer, retiring.

Brigadier General McCormack as Assistant Division Commander for an Infantry Division consisting of 14,000 Soldiers, four major subordinate commands and 23 battalions stationed in over 100 communities in Pennsylvania and neighboring states in the Northeast, and equipped with over 5,500 tracked and wheeled vehicles and over 30 attack, utility and cargo rotary wing aircraft. He is responsible for assisting the Commanding General in the execution of his readiness programs with special emphasis on strength and medical management, personnel, intelligence, training, logistics, facilities and communications readiness. His primary responsibilities for oversight of all Division maintenance, resourcing, and sustainment requirements. General McCormack directly supervises over 2 Brigade Combat Teams with responsibility for logistical accountability, UCMJ, and senior officer mentoring.

Brigadier General McCormack was commissioned in 1988 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Mansfield University, Mansfield, Pennsylvania. He held both company and field grade commands and staff level positions in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard to include the following; Chief/Class Material, Detachment Commander, S1, Perso, Commander, Deputy Commander, and J1. He served as Commander, Headquarters Detachment, 213<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Group. General McCormack served as Land Component Commander prior to his current assignment as Assistant Division Commander, Headquarters Support Company, 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard and deployment in Kuwait.

Brigadier General McCormack was born in Binghamton, New York in April 1966. He graduated from Mansfield University, Mansfield, Pennsylvania, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice. He also graduated from United States Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, with a Master of Strategic Studies. His military education includes United States

Army War College, Reserve Component Theater Sustainment Course, Dual Status Commanders Course (NORTHCOM), Joint Domestic Operations Course (NORTHCOM), and Joint Task Force Commander Training Course (NORTHCOM).

Brigadier General McCormack's awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star), Iraq Campaign Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass, M Device and Numeral 2), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 2), Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (with Numeral 5), Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal, Pennsylvania Commendation Medal, Pennsylvania Twenty Year Service Medal (with 1 Silver Star), Major General Thomas R. White Jr. Medal, General Thomas J. Stewart Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), The Governor's Unit Citation (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), and The Adjutant General's Staff Identification Badge.

Brigadier General McCormack is a proven leader and an exceptional officer who possesses unlimited potential to serve and excel in positions of greater authority. I strongly recommend Brigadier General McCormack for a Certificate of Eligibility to Major General.

Sincerely,

Anthony U. Carrelli Major General, Pennsylvania

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