

Major General Mark J. Schindler

Major General Mark J. Schindler assumed duties as the Acting Adjutant General of Pennsylvania on December 5, 2020. In this Cabinet-level position with the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, headquartered at Ft. Indiantown Gap, Annville, Pennsylvania, General Schindler is responsible for the command, control and supervision of National Guard units – Army and Air – allocated to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and six state-owned Veterans homes and programs for Pennsylvania’s nearly 800,000 Veterans.

Prior to this appointment, he served as Assistant Adjutant General, primary advisor to The Adjutant General for manning, equipping, and training the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, as well as assisting The Adjutant General in supervision and management of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Prior to that assignment, General Schindler served as the Chief of Staff, Pennsylvania National Guard.

General Schindler was born and raised in Buffalo, New York. He received a two-year ROTC scholarship from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and was commissioned in 1987, earning a Bachelor’s degree in Communications. He went on to attend Clarion University of Pennsylvania and earned a Master’s of Science degree in Communications in 1989 and Master’s degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College in 2011.

General Schindler served as a Title 32 AGR officer and served in a variety of command and staff positions within the Pennsylvania Army National Guard as a Signal Officer, Commander, and Chief of Staff. His assignments include: 28th Division DMAIN Platoon Leader, Company Commander, Battalion Assistant S3, 28th Division Assistant Division Signal Officer, Signal Battalion Executive Officer, 28th Signal Battalion Commander, and served as the 28th Infantry Division’s first G6 under modularity. Additionally, he served as the 28th Infantry Division Chief of Staff and as the Pennsylvania Joint Force Headquarters G6.

He served in combat operations as the 55th Military Engagement Team Commander in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2012/2013. He deployed multifunctional teams to countries throughout the USCENTCOM area of responsibility in order to build capacity, create enduring relationships and reinforce military to military relationships. General Schindler also led a Military Engagement Team in Jordan as part of CENTCOM Forward Jordan, providing assistance to the U.S. and Jordanian Military along the border with Syria.

His military education includes: U.S. Army War College, Pre-Command Course, Command and General Staff College, Combined Arms Service and Staff School, Signal Officer Advance Course, Brigade and Battalion Signal Officer Course and Signal Officer Basic Course.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (4rd Award), Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (5th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (2nd Award), Army Service Ribbon, Army

Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon (5th Award), Global War on Terror Medal.

General Schindler and his wife Colette have two adult children, David and Beth Rose. They currently reside in Fredericksburg, Pennsylvania.