



Colonel D. Drake McGraw, Jr.

Commander, Area Support Group Balkans, Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo

Colonel Drake McGraw enlisted in the US Army in December of 1990 and attended basic training in Ft. Knox Kentucky in 1991. He served as a combat medic assigned to the 42nd Ambulance Company and the 212th MASH in Germany and deployed with UNPROFOR to the Former Yugoslavia in 1992. At the conclusion of his Active Duty service, he joined the Maryland National Guard.

In 1993 he Joined the 1/158 Cavalry in Annapolis Maryland and attended Officer Candidate School. He commissioned Armor and his service in the Cavalry included time as a Scout Platoon Leader, Cavalry Troop Commander, S1, S3 and XO. In September of 2001 as Alpha Troop Commander he deployed to Eagle Base in Bosnia i Herzegovina for SFOR 10. While serving in the Cavalry he joined the Active Guard and Reserve of the Maryland National Guard.

Subsequent assignments included State Partnership Program Coordinator, State Training Officer, Deputy G3, Counter-drug Coordinator, Assistant Chief of Staff, Brigade XO, Commander of the 32d Civil Support Team, J3/7 and Chief of Staff. Colonel McGraw is a graduate of the Joint and Combined Warfighting School, the Nuclear and Counter Proliferation Officer's Course (FA52) and the US Army War College. He is also a qualified Dual Status Commander. Colonel McGraw's four deployments include Operation Provide Promise, Operation Joint Forge, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Joint Guardian.

Col. McGraw's awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, five Meritorious Service Medals, the United Nations Medal, three NATO medals and the Expert Field Medical Badge. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from Washington and Lee University and a Master's Degree from the US Army War College.

Col. McGraw was born in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania to Julia Mariner Weston McGraw and David Drake McGraw. He resides in Pikesville Maryland with his wife Major Jennifer Hahn McGraw and is the father of David and John.