

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH  
COLONEL RICHARD J. BECK

Colonel Beck enlisted in the New York Army National Guard in March 1956 at the age of 17. As an E-5 Section Chief he attended the US Army Artillery Officer Candidate School in 1962 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant upon graduation.

Lieutenant Beck served as a Platoon Leader and Executive Officer in several units. In 1965 he assumed command of a Nike-Hercules battery and was promoted to Captain shortly thereafter. In 1971 then Captain Beck moved on to battalion staff duties until appointed to the General Staff of the New York Army National Guard in 1974 as the State Equal Opportunity Officer. As a Major he entered the personnel field and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, Deputy Director of Personnel. In June of 1982 Colonel Beck was promoted to his present grade and became Director of Personnel for the New York Army and Air National Guard.

Colonel Beck received an Associates Degree from the University of New York in 1973; he completed his Bachelor's Degree in 1979. He is a graduate of the Cornell University of Industrial Relations Course, the US Army Command and General Staff College as well as the National Security Management Course. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal as well as the Army and Air Commendation medals. The Colonel assumed command of the 42d Infantry Division Artillery on 1 December 1988.