

Brigadier General Stephen E. Arey (Class 10-69)

Brigadier General Arey graduated from Massanutten Military Academy High School in 1964 and the University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History in 1968. He enlisted in the Army on June 21, 1968 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Air Defense Artillery upon graduation from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School on May 27, 1969. He then attended the Air Defense Officer Basic Course, Fort Bliss, Texas. He attended the Air Defense Automatic Weapons Course at Fort Sill in 1971 and then served a tour of duty in Italy.

After release from active duty, he joined the Virginia Army National Guard 29th Infantry Division and served in a variety of staff and command positions. During 1975 he graduated from Washington & Lee University with a Juris Doctorate degree and passed the State Bar Examination. He served in the 116th Infantry Brigade (Separate) as Training Officer for Air Operations beginning in 1975 and graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1976.

Brigadier General Arey attended the Reserve Component National Security Course at the National Defense University, Pensacola, Florida in 1984 and graduated from the U.S. Army War College in 1991. From 1994 to 1997 he commanded the 1st Brigade, 29th Infantry Division. In September 1997 he was confirmed by the U.S. Senate for appointment in the Reserves as a Brigadier General and served at that rank until retirement.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal.