

Brigadier General Michael W. Beasley (Class 514-68)

Brigadier General Beasley was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma on November 5, 1968.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree with dual majors in Political Science and Business Administration from Mary Hardin Baylor College in 1974. He earned a Juris Doctorate Degree from Georgetown University in 1978, a Master of Science Degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in 1981 and is a 1990 graduate of the Army War College.

He is the former Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. As an Army Reserve Brigadier General, he served as Commander of the Combined-Joint Civil-Military Operations Command with the Multinational Stabilization Force (SFOR) in Bosnia Herzegovina. He was later the Director of Logistics in Task Force Freedom for the civil-military efforts in Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm.

He has commanded Army civil affairs units at the Brigade and Command levels and has supervised U.S. civil affairs force deployments in several contingencies over the years. He also served in field artillery and logistics command and staff positions in a variety of Active Duty and Army Reserve assignments.

His final position was as Commanding General, 88th Regional Readiness Command, U.S. Army Reserve, involved Command and Control of over 22,000 Soldiers and civilians, including 140 units and 450 facilities across the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois; responsibilities included administration, training, funding and overseas deployment of approximately 18,000 Soldiers. He also served on the Senior Military Reserve Advisory Board to the Secretary of the Army.

He retired in July 2005 with 38 years service. His awards and decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Meritorious Service Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters.