

**COLONEL MAXIE L. MCFARLAND**  
**US Army, Retired**  
**Department of Army Civilian, Retired (Deceased)**



COL McFarland's career spanned 40 years of service as both a commissioned officer and a member of the Defense Intelligence Senior Executive Service (DISES). Commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) in 1972 from the University of Tennessee, McFarland first served as a Signal Officer and Infantry Officer before being re-branched as a Major into Military Intelligence in 1984.

His first intelligence assignment was Brigade S2, Field Station Berlin, followed by two battalion commands—one as Commander of the Operations Battalion at Field Station Berlin in 1987 and the second as Commander of the 312<sup>th</sup> MI Battalion at Fort Hood, Texas, in 1991. During Operation DESERT STORM, MAJ McFarland deployed to the war zone as Special Assistant to the Army Central Command G2 to solve intelligence architecture issues and improve analytic acumen.

Beginning in 1993, COL McFarland undertook a series of G2 and Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence (DCSINT) positions from Division to Army Command, including the Assistant Chief of Staff (ACoS), G2 for 2d Armored Division; the ACoS, G2 of V Corps; and the DCSINT of the US Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC). While the V Corps G2, he spent a year directing the intelligence efforts of deployed forces in Bosnia implementing the Dayton Accords and then served as Executive Officer to the Commanding General, US Army Europe/Commander Stabilization Forces who led the Bosnia effort in 1998.

After he retired from the Army in 2002, COL McFarland became the first ever DISES-coded G2 for TRADOC. During his nearly 10 years at TRADOC, he established the Operational Environment Enterprise and the Training Brain Operations Center to replicate real-world complexity in



**CPT McFarland,**  
**US Army, Infantry**

training scenarios and to refine operational environment threat assessment products and analysis to ensure Soldiers were rapidly cognizant of emerging threats. His development of the University of Foreign Military and Cultural Studies, the Devil's Advocate Red Team, the Human Terrain System, and the Army Culture and Foreign Language Strategy made it possible to fill socio-cultural and language gaps identified by deployed commanders.

In 2006, the Chief of Staff of the Army asked COL McFarland to set up the intelligence architecture to support the newly formed Joint Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Defeat Organization to assist in countering the critical threat against US Soldiers. McFarland established that organization's highly regarded Counter-IED Operations Integration Center (COIC) to provide near-real time counter-IED support to deployed forces. The result was a dramatic reduction in combat losses from IEDs. After setting up the COIC, COL McFarland returned to TRADOC until his retirement from government service in June of 2011.

COL McFarland's awards and decorations include the Presidential Rank Award – Meritorious Executive, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal, and the Parachutist Badge.

COL McFarland passed away on 8 November 2013. He was inducted into the MI Hall of Fame in 2014.



**LTG Metz and COL McFarland upon his receipt of the Presidential Rank of Meritorious Executive**