

Charles D. McKee

Major Charles D. McKee was born in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania on December 3, 1948. He grew up in Trafford, Pennsylvania graduating from Penn-Trafford High School in June 1966. This was followed by attendance and graduation from Pennsylvania State University in June 1970.

He enlisted on active duty in the US Army on November 2, 1970. He completed Basic Training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Holabird, Maryland. Assignment to the 801st Military Intelligence detachment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and completion of Airborne Training in 1971 followed. He completed the Ranger Course in 1972, and graduated from the Special Forces Qualification Course in 1973 as the Distinguished Graduate of his class receiving his commission January 31, 1975. Subsequently, during 1975, he was the Distinguished Graduate of both his Officer Basic Course and Counterintelligence Officer Course. He then served in assignments in Munich and Bad Toelz, West Germany.

After Completing his Officer Advanced Course in July 1979, again as the Distinguished Graduate, he received training at the Defense Language School followed by overseas service in Saudi Arabia. He completed the Foreign Area Officer course in 1983, and graduated from the Naval Post Graduate School with a 3.53 grade point average receiving a Masters Degree in Area Studies. His assignment to the Army Staff in December 1984 immediately preceded his current assignment.

Major McKee's military career of more than 18 years was characterized by superlative performance in all his duties and endeavors. He was the recipient of the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral "1", the Army Superior Unit Award, Parachutist Badge and Ranger Tab.

Major McKee was inducted into the MI Corps Hall of Fame in 2000.