



Mr. Timothy L. Rieger **General Counsel** **National Guard Bureau**



Mr. Timothy Rieger serves as the General Counsel of the National Guard Bureau. As General Counsel, Mr. Rieger is the chief legal officer of the National Guard and the principal legal advisor to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau as well as the Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the Directors of the Army and Air National Guards. Mr. Rieger reports directly to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, a four-star member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on all legal affairs of the National Guard Bureau, and serves as the sole channel of communications on all legal matters pertaining to the National Guard. Mr. Rieger has authority and responsibility for legal policy and the provision of legal services throughout the non-federalized National Guard. He also serves as the NGB's representative to officials throughout the Executive and Legislative branches of the Federal government including the Department of War, Department of the Army, Department of the Air Force, and the Judge Advocates General.

Before his appointment as the General Counsel, Mr. Rieger served as Special Assistant to the Vice Chief, National Guard Bureau, and prior to that, he was the Acting Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau. In that position, he defended the National Guard's interests in all aspects of Department of War and National Guard operations and policies worldwide. He served as the National Guard's legal subject matter expert on issues across the spectrum of National Guard matters, such as: the Constitutional, statutory, and regulatory authorities involved in the funding, organization, discipline, and utilization of the National Guard; the National Guard as a reserve component; the organization, functions, and relational authorities of the National Guard Bureau; the National Guard Technician Program; and the Active-Guard Reserve Program.

Mr. Rieger started his military career as a Marine before he directly commissioned into the U.S. Army in 1995. Mr. Rieger is an attorney, consultant, retired peace officer, and senior public-sector executive with more than 44 years of public service. His civilian experience includes service as a Deputy District Attorney, Deputy Attorney General, Deputy Director within the California Department of Justice, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, and in multiple gubernatorial appointments. His military legal and leadership experience also includes service as Assistant Adjutant General for California; Chief, Army National Guard Trial Defense Service; State Staff Judge Advocate; and command judge advocate for the 49th Military Police Brigade and 115th Regional Support Group. His operational deployments include legal and advisory assignments supporting Operation IRAQI FREEDOM in Baghdad, Iraq, and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in Kabul, Afghanistan.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

- Aug 26 – Present: General Counsel, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia
- Feb 26 – July 26: Special Assistant to the Vice Chief, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia
- Nov 24 – Feb 26: Acting Vice Chief, National Guard Bureau, Washington, District of Columbia
- Oct 22 – Oct 24: Principal Deputy General Counsel, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia
- Apr 22 – Oct 22: Special Assistant to the General Counsel, National Guard Bureau, Washington, District of Columbia
- Oct 18 – Apr 22: Assistant Adjutant General, Sacramento, California
- Sep 17 – Sep 18: Chief, Army National Guard Trial Defense Service, Arlington, Virginia
- Jun 12 – Sep 17: State Staff Judge Advocate, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Sacramento, California
- Jun 07 – Sep 12: Command Judge Advocate, 49th Military Police Brigade, Fairfield, California and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Baghdad, Iraq
- Apr 06 – Jun 07: Command Judge Advocate, 115th Regional Support Group, Roseville, California
- Jun 05 – Apr 06: Chief of Trial Defense Services, 22nd Legal Support Organization, Sacramento, California
- Jul 06 – Jan 05: Commanders Action/Advisory Group, Combined Forces Command - Kabul, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Kabul, Afghanistan
- Jun 02 – Jul 04: Staff Judge Advocate, Camp San Luis Obispo, and United States Property and Fiscal Office, Camp San Luis Obispo, California
- Sep 01 – Jun 02: Staff Judge Advocate, Operation NOBLE EAGLE, Aerosafe, Sacramento, California
- Apr 95 – Oct 01: Judge Advocate Officer, 40th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Los Alamitos, California

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

Commanders Action/Advisory Group,
Combined Forces Command - Kabul,
Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Kabul,
Afghanistan

DATE

Jul 04 – Jan 05

GRADE

Major

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Aug 09 – Jul 11	Lieutenant Colonel
Jul 04 – Jan 05	Major

EDUCATION:

- 2015 USA War College Fellowship, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University
- 2006 United States Army Command and General Staff College
- 1998 Judge Advocate Officer Advanced Course University of the Pacific - JD - Law
- 1995 Judge Advocate Officer Basic Course
- 1993 University of the Pacific - JD - Law
- 1990 University of California - Los Angeles - BA - Political Science

CERTIFICATIONS and LICENSES:

- Strategic Studies, Syracuse University
- United States Supreme Court
- Supreme Court of California
- United States Courts of Appeal
- Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces

AWARDS AND HONORS:

His federal awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Meritorious Unit Commendation, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star), Iraq Campaign Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and the Combat Action Badge. He is also authorized to wear the National Guard Bureau Staff Identification Badge.