

## **COL John H. McPhaul Jr**



**COL McPhaul, a native of Red Springs, North Carolina, graduated from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, N.C. in 1986 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate and received a Regular Army Commission through the University ROTC program and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery.**

**During his military career, COL McPhaul, served in numerous key command and staff assignments. His first troop assignment was with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 11<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Lewis, Washington. While assigned to Fort Lewis, he served as a Company Fire Support Officer, Battery Fire Direction Officer, Battalion Ammunition Officer, and Battalion Adjutant. Upon completion of his initial assignment, COL McPhaul attended the Field Artillery Officer Advance Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. After graduation, he was assigned to the Republic of Korea and the Battlefield Coordination Element at Osan Airbase, Korea. He returned to the United States and Fort Lewis, Washington where he was assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 11<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery where he served as Assistant Battalion S-3 and Battalion Logistics Officer prior to assuming command of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery. Upon completion of his command, COL McPhaul was assigned to the Total Army Personnel Command as a Force XXI project officer. He was subsequently assigned to the Field Artillery Branch as an Assignments Officer. In the summer of 1998, COL McPhaul was reassigned to the Pentagon and Joint Staff (J5) where he served as a Political Military Affairs Officer in the Asia-Pacific Division. Upon completion of this assignment, COL McPhaul attended the United States Naval Command & General Staff College and was awarded a Master of Science Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. After graduation, he served as the Division Artillery Brigade Adjutant for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division in Korea. This assignment was followed by a 1-year fellowship with Rand Arroyo. Upon completion of the TWI program, COL McPhaul was assigned to the Army G-1 as an Equal Opportunity/Human Resources Staff Officer. He was later reassigned to the Joint Staff/J2 Military Secretariat followed by an assignment to the Joint Staff/J1 where he served as the Chief, Military Personnel Branch. Upon completion of this Joint tour, he attended the Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania and received a Master of Science Degree in National Security. Currently, he is assigned as the Chief of Staff to the Army's Diversity Office.**

**COL McPhaul's awards and decorations include the Joint Staff Identification Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, Distinguished Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal with Humanitarian Service Medal with one Service Star, and Parachutist Badge.**

**COL McPhaul is married to the former Dee Dee Ross of Tacoma, Washington and they have one daughter, Sierra Letryce, a recent graduate of the University of Tennessee (Knoxville).**