

Brig. Gen. (PA) Cecil B. Hengeveld
Deputy Adjutant General, Veterans Affairs
Inducted 2008

Brigadier General (PA) Cecil B. Hengeveld was appointed Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans Affairs in 2001. In this position, he supervised the administration of veterans assistance programs to Pennsylvania's 1.12 million veterans and their dependents as well as the operation of the Commonwealth's six veteran's homes and Scotland School for Veterans' Children. Hengeveld retired from the Pennsylvania Army National Guard in the federally recognized rank of colonel in 1998. In his last assignment he commanded the Eastern Army National Guard Aviation Training Site (EAATS) at Fort Indiantown Gap. The EAATS is a National Guard Bureau field operating activity which conducts qualification and instructor pilot training, operates flight and flight weapon simulators, trains aviation maintenance specialists and operates an aero medical aviation clinic.

Hengeveld enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1965; He became a warrant officer and received his wings in 1966. In 1967 he did a tour with the First Cavalry Division's 2/20th Aerial Rocket Artillery Battalion in Vietnam. He later served as a flight instructor. Hengeveld joined the Pennsylvania Army National Guard in 1970, receiving a direct commission to Second Lieutenant. He was the commander of the 1028th Transportation Helicopter Company; EAATS simulator and instruments branch chief and operations and training officer as well as an aviation staff officer in the State Area Command Headquarters of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. He has commanded Army Aviation Support Facilities in Washington, PA and Fort Indiantown Gap.

Broadening his skills, Hengeveld completed the Infantry Officers Basic Course in 1973, the Armor Advanced Course in 1978 and Command and General Staff College in 1983. He holds a Master Aviator rating with over 7,100 flight hours in rotary and fixed-wing aircraft.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Air Medal with "V" device and 30 oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal, and the Pennsylvania Commendation Medal.