

Biography

Brig. Gen. (Ret) Jerry G. Beck Jr. Inducted 2017

Brig. Gen. (Ret) Jerry G. Beck, Jr. was appointed deputy adjutant general of veterans affairs on July 8, 2013. In this position, he supervised the administration of assistance programs for nearly 1 million veterans and their dependents as well as the operation of the commonwealth's six veteran's homes. He retired from this position in November 2016. Beck retired as the deputy adjutant general – Army for the Pennsylvania Army National Guard in August 2011.

He began his military career in the 28th Infantry Division, where he enlisted as a private in July 1977. He received his commission as a second lieutenant from the Officer Candidate School of the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Academy in 1979 and was assigned as a rifle platoon leader and later mortar platoon leader in Company B, 1st Battalion, 111th Infantry in Philadelphia. He was assigned as company commander of Company A, 1st Battalion, 111th Infantry, Philadelphia in 1982. He completed his tenure as company commander and was assigned to the staff of the 1-111th before he was transferred to the Headquarters, 56th Brigade. While with the 56th Brigade, he served as the assistant S-4, the S-3, the S-2 and the S-1 before being transferred to Headquarters, 28th Infantry Division in 1994 where he served as the division's G-3. He assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 111th Infantry (Mechanized) in September 1995. He completed his battalion command and was assigned as the deputy chief of staff for operations of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard at Fort Indiantown Gap in November 1998. He was assigned as the chief of staff, Pennsylvania Army National Guard in 2000. In 2002 he was deployed with the Headquarters 28th Infantry Division and was assigned as the deputy commander, Multi-National Brigade North (MNB-N) SFOR 12 in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Upon completion of that tour on March 1, 2003, he was promoted to brigadier general and selected to perform a follow-on tour as the commanding general of Multi-National Brigade (East) KFOR 5 in Kosovo. During that tour of duty he provided command and control to approximately 3,500 multinational soldiers in the U.S. sector of Kosovo, and was responsible for soldiers from the United States, Ukraine, Poland, Lithuania, Armenia and Greece. He served as the deputy commanding general for maneuver of the 28th Infantry Division from 2004 to 2006 and was subsequently appointed as the commanding general of the 28th Infantry Division where he served from 2006-2009.

Beck's awards and military decorations include: The Army Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (3rd Award), Meritorious Service Medal (7th Award), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (5th Award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal,

Kosovo Campaign Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with bronze hourglass, M device and 2nd award, Army Service Ribbon, Reserve Component Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal (2nd Award), Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal, Pennsylvania Commendation Medal, Pennsylvania Service Ribbon with one silver star, Pennsylvania 20 Year Service Medal with two silver stars, Major General Thomas R. White Medal and Major General Thomas J. Stewart Medal.

Beck resides in Hummelstown, Pa., with his wife Gina and stepson Jonah. He has one son, Jerry III, a former Marine and Pennsylvania National Guardsman who resides in West Virginia with his wife Gina and son Jerry IV.