

## **MAJOR GENERAL (R) WESLEY E. CRAIG, JR.**

Major General (R) Wesley E. Craig was selected by Governor Tom Corbett to serve as the 51<sup>st</sup> Adjutant General of Pennsylvania from February 2011 to January 2015. In this state cabinet-level position, Major General (R) Craig was responsible for command, control, and supervision of Army and Air National Guard units allocated to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the six state-owned veterans' homes, and programs for Pennsylvania's 900,000 veterans.

Major General (R) Craig graduated from Temple University with a bachelor's degree in business administration and the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps program as a distinguished military graduate in June 1968. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Transportation Corps and spent the next two years on active duty stationed in Virginia and Georgia. He joined the Pennsylvania Army National Guard in 1971, branch transferred to Armor and served for 20 of the next 22 years in the 1st Squadron, 104th Armored Cavalry, culminating the last four years as the squadron commander.

Major General (R) Craig transferred to the Headquarters of the 56th Infantry Brigade (M) in 1992, where he served four years as executive officer and four years as commander. During his command tenure the 56th Brigade earned the Governor's Meritorious Unit Citation. Following his command, Major General (R) Craig was transferred to the Headquarters of the 28th Infantry Division in 2000, wherein he served three years as Deputy Commander, followed by three years as Commanding General in a full-time status.

During his division command tenure, the 28th Division mobilized and deployed over 8,000 Soldiers to the peacekeeping mission in Kosovo and to contingency operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition, the Division HQ participated in "Bright Star", a multinational training mission in Egypt, where Major General (R) Craig commanded 15,000 troops from eight nations. He has visited Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania six times as part of the National Guard's State Partnership Program.

Major General (R) Craig is a 1993 graduate of the United States Army War College. His major Federal military decorations include: the Army Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal (fourth award); Army Commendation Medal (second award); Army Achievement Medal; and the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (fifth award). He is a member of the US Army National ROTC Hall of Fame, inducted in 2016. His major National Guard awards include the Pennsylvania Distinguished Service Medal; North Carolina Distinguished Service Medal; Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal (second award); Pennsylvania Service Ribbon (ninth award); and two Governor's Meritorious Unit Citations.

In retirement Major General (R) Craig continued to support the US military by serving on the Board of Directors of the US Army War College Foundation, the Board of Directors of the Liberty USO (three years as Chairman), and as the chairman of the PA Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) (2008- 2011 & 2017- 2020). He continued his service in the ESGR as the Southeast PA area chair and Military Outreach Director since 2020. He is active in the civilian to military outreach efforts of the Armed Services Council of the Union League of Philadelphia. He received the Mary G. Roebling Distinguished Service Award from the First Region of AUSA for his military service and the Secretary of Defense award for Exceptional Public Service for his activities after retirement. He served as the chairman of the Our Community Salutes, Philadelphia, a national outreach program that celebrates and rewards the decision of high school graduates who go into the military service, from 2015-2023.