

## Major General Charles H. Swannack Jr., U.S. Army (Retired)

Major General Charles H. (Chuck) Swannack, Jr. was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry from the United States Military Academy on 9 June 1971. He has proudly served his Nation for thirty plus years in command and staff positions at every level from platoon to Department of the Army.



Prior to retiring, MG Swannack commanded the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division from October 2002-May 2004. During this time, he provided forces to Combined Joint Task Force-180 for combat operations in Afghanistan, and he personally led the Division during combat operations from Kuwait to Baghdad and later civil-military operations in Al Anbar Province, western Iraq.

Prior general officer assignments include: Commanding General of Multinational Division (North) and Task Force Eagle during Operation JOINT FORGE (SFOR 11) in Bosnia-Herzegovina, where he oversaw implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords; Commanding General of the Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk, where he was the senior trainer for all Light, Airborne, Air Assault, Ranger and Special Forces units in the Army; and Deputy Director for Strategy, Plans and Policy within the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Headquarters, Department of the Army. His initial assignment as a general officer was with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division as the Assistant Division Commander (Operations).

As a Brigade Commander, MG Swannack deployed to Haiti for peacekeeping operations during Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY. He also served in the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, J5, the Joint Staff, where he was instrumental in developing and executing US strategy and policy for Central America and the Caribbean Basin. As a Battalion Commander, he deployed to Panama during Operation NIMROD DANCER and subsequently participated in combat operations during Operation JUST CAUSE.

MG Swannack is a graduate of Capstone and the National War College. He holds a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit (6OLC) and Bronze Star Medal (1OLC). He proudly wears the Combat Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge and the Ranger Tab.

Initially in retirement, MG Swannack provided consultation services to multiple defense corporations and primarily served in the capacity of a trainer, coach and mentor to Brigade Combat Teams preparing to deploy to Iraq and Afghanistan. From 2010-2013, he served as CEO of the Logistics Services Division, Louis Berger Services (formerly US Logistics, Inc.) a \$50MM veteran logistics services company where he managed the transformation of US Logistics from an entrepreneurship located in Fayetteville NC to a fully functioning corporation able to join the parent company in Greenville SC.

In early 2014, MG Swannack joined Speedway Motorsports as Executive Director for Speedway Children's Charities, a 501c (3) nonprofit, with the mission of assisting underprivileged children to become productive adults. In early 2019, MG Swannack was named Vice President, Armed Forces Affairs and now leads an initiative "Welcome Home Patriots" to improve the lives of post-servicemen and servicewomen.

He also serves as President of the Patriot Military Family Foundation in Mooresville NC, and actively supports many other military charities as a means of "giving back" to those who served him so well during his military career.

MG Swannack is married, has twin children and eight grandchildren.