

**LTC McSHEFFREY BIO**

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**LTC Laurence McSheffrey was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, November 28, 1960. He immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1977 and became a citizen of the United States of America on November 18, 1983. LTC McSheffrey received his commission through the ROTC program at Arizona State University in 1985 and in 1986 was designated a Distinguished Military Graduate and received his Bachelors of Science in Geography.**

**As a Second Lieutenant he attended the Aviation Officer Basic course at Fort Rucker, Alabama in 1986. In 1987 LTC McSheffrey was assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 9<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Washington where he served as an UH-60 Platoon Leader, S1 Task Force Eagle, Honduras, and a company flight operations officer. January 1991, LTC McSheffrey was assigned to the 4<sup>th</sup> Squadron 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment, Saudi Arabia where he flew UH-60s in support of Operations' Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In 1992 LTC McSheffrey finished his active assignments as a project officer for the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities and on 9 September 1992 he joined the Washington Army National Guard and was assigned as the Assistant S4, 540<sup>th</sup> Aviation Group.**

**LTC McSheffrey's military education includes the Aviation Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Aircraft Maintenance Officer/Maintenance Test Pilot Course, Aero Scout Course, Fixed Wing Course, and the Command and General Staff College. LTC McSheffrey's military awards and decorations include the Senior Army Aviator Badge, the Air Assault Badge, Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster,**

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**Southwest Asia Service with two bronze stars, Humanitarian Service Medal with two bronze stars and other awards.**

**LTC McSheffrey is the Commander of the Washington Army National Guards Recruiting and Retention Command and prior to his current assignment he served as the Executive Officer, Operations and Training officer, and Assistant Operations and Training officer for the 66<sup>th</sup> Aviation Brigade. Executive Officer and Assistant Operations and Training officer for 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 168<sup>th</sup> Aviation and Commander, Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 185<sup>th</sup> Aviation.**

**LTC McSheffrey and his wife Janee reside in Olympia, Washington where they are the parents of three children, Abby, Megan and Garrett**