

# **Brigadier General Michael E. Callahan**

## **Director, Joint Staff, Nebraska National Guard**

Brig. Gen. Michael E. Callahan is Director of the Joint Staff - Nebraska National Guard. He is principal advisor to the Adjutant General on domestic operations and responsible for the direction and control of Nebraska Army and Air National Guard forces for homeland security, civil support, international affairs, and other joint force activities.

General Callahan began his career as an infantryman with the 82nd Airborne Division, where he served for one year before receiving an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. General Callahan graduated from West Point in 1987 and was commissioned as a 2LT in the Infantry. After completing Infantry Officer Basic and Ranger School he returned to the 82nd Airborne where he participated in numerous deployments including operations Just Cause, Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He left active duty in 1992, attended law school, and joined the KSARNG as a Judge Advocate in 1997, where his assignments included chief trial counsel, chief defense counsel, and Command Judge Advocate for the 130th Artillery Brigade. In 2005 he transferred to the NEANG, where he served as deputy SJA and Staff Judge Advocate for the 155 ARW. In 2011 he was assigned to JFHQ-NE to become Legal Advisor to the ATAG-Air and then State Judge Advocate until his current assignment as Director of the Joint Staff.

### **EDUCATION:**

1987 Bachelor of Science, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York  
1987 Infantry Officer Basic Course, Fort Benning, Georgia  
1996 Juris Doctor, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Kansas  
1998 Army Judge Advocate General Basic Course, Charlottesville, Virginia  
1999 Army Judge Advocate General Advanced Course, Charlottesville, Virginia  
2006 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence  
2013 Air War College, by correspondence

### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. July 1982 - June 1983: Rifleman, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, Ft Bragg, NC
2. July 1983 - May 1987: Cadet, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY
3. May 1987 - Jan 1989: Platoon Leader, 504th Para Infantry Regt, Ft Bragg, NC
4. Jan 1989 - Feb 1990: Scout Platoon Leader, 504th PIR, Ft Bragg, NC
5. Feb 1990 - April 1991: Aide de Campe, 82nd Airborne Division, Ft Bragg, NC
6. April 1991 - May 1992: Division Staff Officer, 82nd Airborne Division, Ft Bragg, NC
7. Aug 1997 - Jan 2001, Deputy SJA, 35th ID, Ft Leavenworth, KS
8. Jan 2001 – Dec 2005: Command JA, 130<sup>th</sup> FA Brigade, Topeka, KS
9. Dec 2005 - Oct 2011: Deputy SJA/SJA, 155th ARW, NEANG, Lincoln, NE
10. Oct 2011 - Oct 2015, Legal Advisor to the ATAG - Air, NEANG, Lincoln, NE
11. Oct 2015 – November 2018, State Judge Advocate, NENG, Lincoln, NE
12. Nov 2018 – Present, Director of the Joint Staff – NENG, Lincoln, NE

## **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Army Commendation Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award  
National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Star)  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Stars)  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal  
Air Force Longevity Service (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with One Silver Hourglass)  
Army Service Ribbon  
Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Ranger Tab  
Senior Parachutist Badge  
Expert Infantry Badge  
Combat Infantry Badge  
Air Assault Badge

## **CIVILIAN OCCUPATION:**

General Callahan is Assistant General Counsel at a publicly traded energy company. Previously, he was a senior partner at a Kansas City-based AmJur 100 law firm. He has represented clients as lead trial counsel in numerous high-dollar disputes.

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	27 May 1987
First Lieutenant	27 May 1989
Captain	1 October 1991
Major	24 March 2000
Lieutenant Colonel	14 April 2007
Colonel	22 May 2014
Brigadier General	2 November 2018

(Current as of November 2018)