

## **BRIGADIER GENERAL SEAN J. BYRNE**

Brigadier General Sean J. Byrne was born in Tipperary, Ireland and grew up in Detroit, Michigan. Upon graduating from the ROTC program at the University of Detroit, he received his Bachelor of Science Degree and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Adjutant General's Corps.



During his initial tour he served with the 82d Airborne Division. After leaving the Division and completing the Advanced Course he was assigned to Germany. There he served as Commander, Regional Personnel Center, Fulda in support of the 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment (Black Horse) and later on the staff of the 22d Personnel and Administration Battalion as the Battalion S-3 (Operations) Officer and then as the Battalion Executive Officer. Upon returning to the United States, he served as the Adjutant General Captain's Assignment Officer at the Military

Personnel Center, in Alexandria, VA. He then served at the Pentagon as the Professional Development Officer and later as the Executive Officer in the Army's General Officer Management Office (GOMO).

From 1987 through 1991 Brigadier General Byrne served at the White House. Initially serving as Vice President Bush's Military Assistant, he later became the President's Military Aide. He then attended the United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College. Returning to Fort Bragg he served again with the 82d Airborne Division as the Deputy, Assistant Chief of Staff, G1 followed by service as the Deputy Commander/Group Executive Officer of the 18<sup>th</sup> Personnel Group (Airborne). He then commanded the 82d Personnel Services Battalion and attended the Army War College after which he served as Chief, Enlisted Distribution Division, PERSCOM and was then assigned to Korea as Commander, 8<sup>th</sup> Personnel Command/Adjutant General U.S. Forces Korea. At the conclusion of his brigade command, he returned to the Pentagon to serve as the Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Army. Subsequently, he served as Director, Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate, PERSCOM. He most recently commanded 3<sup>rd</sup> Personnel Command (PERSCOM), headquartered at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait in direct support of coalition forces during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He currently serves as the Director of Military Personnel Policy in the Office of the Army G-1 in the Pentagon.

Brigadier General Byrne is a graduate of the Adjutant General Basic and Advanced Courses, and the United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College, where he was designated Distinguished Graduate. He also attended the United States Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA and has been awarded a Masters Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Utah.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (w/OLC), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), and the Master Parachutist Badge.

Brigadier General Byrne is married to the former Christine Schmitz of Detroit, Michigan and they have two children. Their son, J.C., a graduate of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia works for America Online. Their daughter, Kate, a graduate of East Carolina University, works at the Academy of Achievement, a non-profit corporation dedicated to honoring the achievements of world leaders and outstanding graduate students.