



Major General R. Van McCarty serves as Deputy Adjutant General, South Carolina National Guard. He is responsible for monitoring the state readiness; to include unit strength, equipment, and training. He serves as the Commander during defense support to civilian authorities (DSCA) missions. In addition, he also serves as Deputy Adjutant General, South Carolina Military Department and supervises the administrative activities and daily operations of the organization. A native of South Carolina, Major General R. Van McCarty attended The Citadel graduating in 1982 with the United States Army Reserve commission in the Field Artillery.

During more than 34 years of service, he has commanded units at every echelon, from Battery to Brigade. MG McCarty's previous command and leadership assignments include: Battalion Commander, 1st BN 178th FA (Operation Iraqi Freedom); Regional Police Advisory Commander (Operation Enduring Freedom), 218th Enhanced Separate Brigade; Brigade ADA Officer, 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command; Commander, 59<sup>th</sup> Troop Command.

MG McCarty holds a Bachelor of Science from The Citadel and completed the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy at Quantico, VA, serving twenty-four years in the Law Enforcement Division with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

MG McCarty Military Education includes The Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced courses, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Naval Amphibious Gunfire Spotter Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Air Defense Artillery Transition Course, Joint Task Force Commander Course, U.S. Army Senior Service College, CAPSTONE and the Advanced Army Strategic Education Program.

MG McCarty's awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, with One Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster; Meritorious Service Medal, with One Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster; Army Commendation Medal, with Four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters; Army Achievement Medal, with One Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster; Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, with One Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, and Two Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster; National Defense Service Medal, with Bronze Star; Afghanistan Campaign Medal, with Bronze Star; Iraqi Campaign Medal, with Bronze Star; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal, with Silver Hour Glass Device, with M Device Second Award; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon with Second Award; NATO Medal; the SC Meritorious Service Medal; SC Active State Service Medal with one Silver Star; SC Achievement Ribbon; SC Mobilization Ribbon

MG McCarty and his wife Susan have one daughter, Madelynn and four sons, Matthew, Micah, Mackenzie, and Major.