

Maj. Gen. Stephen D. Tom, U.S. Army Commander, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command



Major General Stephen D. Tom assumed command of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command on 29 January 2010.

Maj. Gen. Tom was commissioned a 2nd Lt. through the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps Program in 1971 after receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan. He continued his civilian education by entering Boston University School of Law, and graduated with a Juris Doctor degree in 1974.

Since completing the U.S. Army Field Artillery Officer Basic Course in 1975, Maj. Gen. Tom has served in the following U.S. Army Reserve assignments with IX Corps (Reinf)/9th Army Reserve Command/ 9th Regional Support Command: Military Justice Officer, Document Control Officer, Personnel Actions Officer, Personnel Management Officer, Assistant Adjutant General, Adjutant General, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Chief of Staff, and Deputy Commander. From April 1992 through July 1995, he commanded the 322d Civil Affairs Brigade at Ft. DeRussy, Hawaii. In September 1999, he was assigned to Eighth U.S. Army, Yongsan, Republic of Korea, as the Assistant Chief of Staff G5 (Wartime) and served in that capacity until July 2003. He was promoted to Major General in July 2003 and then served as U.S. Army Pacific Deputy Commander for Mobilization and Reserve Affairs from August 2003 to July 2007. Prior to coming to JPAC, he served as the Chief of Staff, United States Pacific Command, from August 2007 to January 2010.

In addition to the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, Maj. Gen. Tom is a graduate of the Judge Advocate Officer Basic Course, the Adjutant General Officer's Advance Course, Command and General Staff College, the Civil Affairs Officer's Advanced Course, and the Army War College.

His military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon and various other unit and service medals.

In his civilian capacity, Maj. Gen. Tom was a private practice attorney and a partner in a law firm. He was recalled to active duty in January 2006.