



LT. COLONEL LARRY D. SCHEETZ
U.S. ARMY - IRAQ/KUWAIT/AFGHANISTAN

Lt. Colonel Larry D. Scheetz is currently serving the country and the county of Mercer in a civilian position, however his history with the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserves has been long and has always been a career of honorable service.

Larry Scheetz was born in Weirton, West Virginia. He attended West Virginia Northern Community College in Weirton earning a degree in Criminal Justice; West Liberty University in West Liberty, WV and Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH earning a BS in Criminal Justice & Political Science; and West Virginia University of Morgantown, WV where he was a member of the ROTC and earned a degree in Military Science.

In 1971 Col. Scheetz enlisted in the U.S. Army and trained as a member of the Infantry as a Pershing Missile Crewman and then served in the Military Police in Germany. While serving over 12 years as an enlisted officer, he also served for more than 27 years of commissioned service. He rose through the ranks over the years from an enlistee to the rank of Lt. Colonel in February 2010. He served tours of duty in Germany, Honduras, Fort Lee, VA, Okinawa Japan, Operation Desert Shield/Storm in Saudi Arabia, Operation Bright Star in Cairo Egypt, Operation Habu Sakusen, Hokkaido and Osaka, Japan, Operation Iraqi Freedom in both Kuwait and Iraq. From October 2004 to 2011 Scheetz was assigned as a Group Petroleum Liaison Officer in Operation Iraqi/Enduring Freedom, Kuwait/Iraq/Afghanistan/Africa and then Farrell, PA. He earned several awards and medals during his career - Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Medal with two Silver Stars, Meritorious Unit Citation (MUC - Desert Shield/Storm), South West Asia Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with Bronze & Silver Oak Leafs, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Southwest Asia), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Pershing Missile Crewman Bronze Badge of Excellence Good Conduct Medal and Overseas Ribbon, just to name a few. His last Military position was as the Executive Officer/Deputy Commanding Officer for the 475th Quartermaster Group(PETRL/WATER/TRANS) located in Farrell, PA. After leaving military duty service he went on to work in Government Civilian Positions which culminated in his position as the Director of Veterans' Affairs for the County of Mercer where he still serves.

The position of Director of Veterans' Affairs is described as "...administering the Department of Veterans' Affairs by providing quality advocacy for all Mercer County Veterans, Armed Forces members and their dependents and survivors through benefit counseling, benefits programs, claims and outreach services.....working with all county Veterans' Organizations through traditional public relations, and community involvement.....responding to the needs of all Veterans, Armed Forces members, their dependents

and survivors, and providing linkage to them to other support services..." Lt. Colonel Scheetz fulfills this job description and goes well beyond the expectations. He has been active in the Mercer County Veterans' Court formation and continuation, assisting veterans who are having issues with housing, PTSD, medical claims and complications, the support of veteran survivors and setting up counseling programs throughout Mercer County. He is also Treasurer on the Board of Directors for The Guardians Nest, Inc., founded by Brian Flick (a U.S. Navy veteran). This organization is currently refurbishing a house on Oakland Ave., Sharon, PA that will, when renovations are complete, provide a safe haven for veterans in desperate need of housing in the Mercer County area.

Lt. Col. Scheetz and his wife, Dawnle, live in Sharon, PA and have five daughters.