

COL Margaret L. McGunegle

COL Margaret L. McGunegle received her commission in May 1999 upon graduation from the University of Missouri – Rolla (UMR, now Missouri School of Science & Technology). She was originally commissioned into the Ordnance Corps and served in the 68th Corps Support Battalion as an Ammunition Platoon Leader and an Assistant Support Operations Officer before branch transferring to the Engineer Regiment in July 2002. She served as the Assistant Operations Officer with the 52d Engineer Battalion (Heavy) at Fort Carson and during Operation Iraqi Freedom. At Fort Carson, she also met her husband, COL Steven B. McGunegle (Armor, YG 99), while they both attended the Unit Movement Officer Course as second lieutenants in July 2000.



Upon graduation from the Engineer Career Course at Fort Leonard Wood and after receiving a graduate degree from UMR, she served with the 2d Infantry Division (2ID) in the Republic of Korea from October 2004 to August 2007. She served as the G3 Engineer Plans Officer, the Commanding General's Aide-de-Camp, and Company Commander of HHC/1BSTB/1ABCT. After attending graduate school at Penn State, COL McGunegle taught Geography and Geomorphology at the United States Military Academy from 2009-2012. The McGunegles also welcomed their two daughters while stationed at West Point.

Next, the family relocated to Fort Hood, Texas where COL McGunegle served with the 1st Cavalry Division as the Deputy Division Engineer, Operations Officer (S-3) of the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, and Executive Officer of the 91st Brigade Engineer Battalion/1ABCT. In June 2015, the McGunegles moved to the National Capital Region. COL McGunegle served 14 months as the Secretary of the General Staff for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and was then stationed in the Pentagon as the Geospatial Operations Officer in the Office of the Chief of Engineers. From July 2017 to July 2019, she commanded the 31st Engineer Battalion (One Station Unit Training) at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Her husband commanded, 2-10 Infantry (Basic Combat Training).

Following battalion command, both COLs McGunegle attended the U.S. Army War College. COL Margaret McGunegle then served in the Office of the Secretary of the Army before transferring to her last assignment at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency as the Military Deputy of the Foundation Geospatial-Intelligence Group. COL McGunegle holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Geological Engineering from UMR, an M.S. in Geography from The Pennsylvania State University, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. She is a Professional Engineer in Civil (Geotechnical) with the State of New York and also earned her Geospatial Professional Certification. The McGunegle Family relocated to Hawaii in the Summer of 2022 for brigade-level command. Her husband, COL Steven McGunegle, will command the United States Army Garrison – Hawaii.