Deputy Judge Advocate General
U.S. Army
Major General
Stuart W. Risch

Major General Stuart W. Risch, a native of Orange/West Orange, NJ, was initially commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery in 1984. He served as a Platoon Leader, Executive Officer, and Company Commander in the 78th Infantry Division, U.S. Army Reserve, while attending law school. He entered active duty and the Judge Advocate General's Corps in 1988.

Prior to assuming duty as the Deputy Judge Advocate General on August 2, 2017, Major General Risch most recently served as the Commander, United States Army Legal Services Agency and Chief Judge, United States Army Court of Criminal Appeals, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. His previous assignments as a General Officer include service as the Assistant Judge Advocate General for Military Law and Operations, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., and as the Commanding General/Commandant of The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, Charlottesville, Virginia. Prior to that, he served as the Staff Judge Advocate, III Armored Corps and Fort Hood, Fort Hood, Texas (with duty in Iraq with U.S. Forces-Iraq during Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and NEW DAWN); Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Fires Center of Excellence, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Legislative Counsel in the Army's Office of Congressional Legislative Liaison, Pentagon; Staff Judge Advocate, 1st Infantry Division, Wuerzburg, Germany (with duty in Iraq during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM II); Director, Center for Law and Military Operations, The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center & School, Charlottesville, Virginia; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; Litigation Attorney, U.S. Army Litigation Division, Arlington, Virginia; Instructor and Law Review Editor at The Judge Advocate General's School, Charlottesville, Virginia; and as the Chief, Military Justice, Senior Trial Counsel and Brigade Legal Advisor, 2d (Blackjack) Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas (with service in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Iraq during Operations DESERT SHIELD/STORM). He also practiced civil litigation in the private sector with the law firm of Dwyer, Connell, and Lisbona, in Montclair, NJ, prior to entering active duty.

Major General Risch received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Law and History from Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, in 1984; a Juris Doctor degree from Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, New Jersey, in 1987; a Master's degree in Law from The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, U.S. Army, Charlottesville, Virginia, in 1996, and a Master's degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in 2007.

Major General Risch's military education includes the Judge Advocate Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Command and General Staff Officer's Course, and the Army War College. He is a member of the Bar of the State of New Jersey, and is admitted to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court and numerous federal and military courts. His military awards include the Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. Major General Risch is married and he and his wife have three children and six grandchildren.