



Brigadier General David G. Barrett
Commanding General, The Judge Advocate
General's Legal Center and School
and
Assistant Judge Advocate General
Defense Services (IMA)



Brigadier General David G. Barrett assumed his duties as the Commanding General, The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School and Assistant Judge Advocate General, Defense Services (IMA) on August 23, 2025. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Hofstra University and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 1993. He received an educational delay to attend law school. Following his graduation from Hofstra University School of Law he entered the Judge Advocate General's Corps in 1996.

Brigadier General Barrett began his career as a Legal Assistance Attorney with the U.S. Army Infantry Center in Fort Benning, GA. He then went on to serve as a Trial Counsel and Brigade Judge Advocate with the 3rd Infantry Division before being assigned as a Defense Counsel in the National Capital Region at Fort Meade, MD. Brigadier General Barrett transitioned to the Army Reserve in 2002 where he was assigned as a Senior Defense Counsel with the 154th Legal Support Organization, Trial Defense Services (TDS). In 2006, Brigadier General Barrett deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Senior Defense Counsel across Iraq, Kuwait, and Afghanistan.

Brigadier General Barrett's most recent assignments include Acting Commander and Deputy Commanding Officer – West, U.S. Army Reserve Legal Command; Staff Judge Advocate, 108th Training Command; Deputy Legal Counsel, Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Commander, 151st Legal Operations Detachment.

Brigadier General Barrett is a graduate of the Judge Advocate Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Army Command and General Staff College, the Defense Strategy Course, and the Joint Combined Warfighting School. In 2015, Brigadier General Barrett graduated from the U.S. Army War College as a Distinguished Graduate with a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies. His military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal with 1 Silver and 2 Oak Leaf Clusters.

In his civilian career, Brigadier General Barrett serves as the Chief Counsel (SES) of the Goddard Space Flight Center, National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Brigadier General Barrett and his wife Melissa have two children, Andrew and Caroline.