



**Deputy General Counsel – Army,
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Brigadier General Natalie L. Lewellen serves as the Deputy General Counsel – Army, National Guard Bureau (NGB). In this role she advises leadership on legal matters specific to the Army National Guard (ARNG), coordinates TJAG initiatives relative to the ARNG Title 32 judge advocate community and executes General Counsel outreach and engagement priorities.

Brigadier General Lewellen enlisted as a private in the Kentucky Army National Guard (KYARNG) in 1991 and received a direct commission as a Judge Advocate in 2003. While serving as a traditional enlisted Soldier, she earned her Bachelor of Science in Police Administration from Eastern Kentucky University and Juris Doctorate from Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University. Brigadier General Lewellen also is a graduate of the Judge Advocate Officer Basic and Advanced Courses; the Army Command and General Staff College; and is a *distinguished graduate* of the U.S. Army War College.

Immediately preceding her current duties, Brigadier General Lewellen served as Chief, Strategic Legal Engagements – NGB, proceeded by service as Directorate Judge Advocate – ARNG. Other military assignments have included Staff Judge Advocate (SJA), Joint Force Headquarters – Kentucky National Guard; Investigator, Office of Complex Investigations – NGB; Deputy SJA, KYARNG; Command Judge Advocate, Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), 149th Brigade Combat Team; Trial Counsel, 75th Troop Command; and Defense Counsel, State Area Command – KYARNG.

Her operational assignments include Deputy Legal Advisor, NATO-Kosovo Forces, (OEF), Pristina, Kosovo; Trial Counsel, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, Task Force Formation 141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, (OEF), Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo; and Legal Assistance Chief, HHC 29th Brigade Combat Team, (OIF), LSA Anaconda, Balad,

Iraq. Among Brigadier General Lewellen's military awards are the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and Army Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

In her civilian capacity, Natalie served as an Assistant Attorney General – Criminal Appellate Division for the Commonwealth of Kentucky; Deputy Counsel for the Kentucky Justice Cabinet - Kentucky State Police, Corrections, and Juvenile Justice; and Attorney-Advisor for the KYARNG.

Brigadier General Lewellen and her husband, George E. McMakin III, a retired aviator and OIF/OEF combat veteran, live in Arlington, Virginia, and Lexington, Kentucky. Natalie and George are travel enthusiasts, Cincinnati Reds fans, proud chihuahua parents, and members of Southland Christian Church.