



TJAG Special Announcement

A Message from The Judge Advocate General



Announcement of the Selection of Mr. Mortimer C. Shea, Jr.
as the Director, Soldier & Family Legal Services

6 October 2014

I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Mortimer ("Mort") C. Shea, Jr. has been selected for the Senior Executive Service position of Director, Soldier & Family Legal Services, Office of The Judge Advocate General (OTJAG).

As our Director for Soldier & Family Legal Services, Mr. Shea will be responsible for policy and oversight of legal services provided to Soldiers and their Families, including legal assistance and claims services, including legal support to sexual assault victims and Army Wounded Warriors in the Medical Evaluation and Physical Disability Evaluation processes. Mr. Shea will supervise the OTJAG Legal Assistance Policy Division, which includes the Special Victims Counsel Program, the U.S. Army Claims Service, and he will exercise technical oversight over the judge advocates and civilian attorneys serving as Soldiers Counsel with the U.S. Army Medical Command. Mr. Shea will also serve as the Army Suspension and Debarment Official.

Mr. Shea has a distinguished career of government service. After graduating from the United States Military Academy in 1978, he served twenty-five years in the United States Army—eighteen of which were in the Judge Advocate General's Corps after graduating from Notre Dame Law School. Following his retirement in 2003 at the rank of Colonel, Mr. Shea served as a Supervisory Senior Attorney for the Department of Treasury's Financial Management Service until 2008. From 2008 to 2012, Mr. Shea served as Chief, Office of General Law for Headquarters, United States Coast Guard. In 2012, he returned to the Department of Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service where he served as the Senior Attorney for Labor Law and Ethics.

It gives Major General Tom Ayres and me great pleasure in announcing Mr. Shea's selection. Our Corps will greatly benefit from his leadership, experience, and judgment as he continues to serve our great Nation, Army, and Regiment. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Shea as he assumes his new duties.

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The Judge Advocate General