

Colonel (P) Michael C. McDaniel
Assistant Adjutant General for Homeland Defense

COL (P) Michael C. McDaniel, Michigan National Guard, is the Assistant Adjutant General for Homeland Security. COL McDaniel was appointed by the Governor as her Advisor on Homeland Security, on February 5, 2003, while serving as a Deputy Director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. COL McDaniel's promotion to Brigadier General was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on 22 June 2006.

He serves as the liaison between the Governor's Office and all federal, state and local agencies on homeland security. He is responsible for developing statewide policy on homeland security preparedness, and for coordinating the development of plans and training for homeland security on a statewide basis. His duties include coordinating efforts to protect the state and its critical infrastructure from terrorist attacks, to ensure all state agencies have interoperable IT and communication systems, and to prepare for, prevent and mitigate the consequences of terrorist threats or attacks. He also serves on the 8-member Executive Committee to the National Governor's Association State Homeland Security Advisor's Council. COL McDaniel has been a member of the Michigan National Guard for over 20 years, previously serving as a military judge.



As Michigan's Assistant Adjutant General for Homeland Security, COL McDaniel has command and control of the Homeland Security Directorate which is comprised of Military Support to Civil Authorities, Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection, the 51st WMD Civil Support Team, the Reconnaissance & Interdiction Detachment (RAID) team, the Exercise Planning Branch, the Counter-Drug Division including the Drug Demand Reduction Program and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Support, Emergency Communications, and the Michigan Volunteer Defense Force (500-member State Militia). He is directly responsible for over 700 full and part-time soldiers and volunteers who serve as the "First Responders" for the Michigan National Guard.

COL McDaniel has developed and led a number of large-scale Homeland Security exercises and he commanded a multinational operation, MEDCEUR/RESCUER 2004. This US Army Europe, USAREUR-sponsored international military exercise targeting crisis relief operations, brought together over 2000 troops from Germany, Poland, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine, Georgia, Bulgaria, Armenia, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Azerbaijan and the U. S. This mission, identified as the first major military training event for the Baltic States since joining NATO, demonstrated

the United States' efforts to be a partner nation. The mission was successful and bound together great nations, establishing a truly global effort for relief operations and enhanced the fight against terrorism.

COL McDaniel sponsored, and served as Exercise Co-Director of Exercise Vigilant State (EVS) from 9-12 May, 2005 with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and the Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW). EVS was a full-scale exercise involving a Man Portable Air Defense System (MANPADS). This exercise included over twenty-six (26) federal, state, county, and local agencies from throughout the State of Michigan, the US Coast Guard and military support from the Michigan National Guard, utilizing both Air and Army assets, specifically the Michigan Army National Guard Quick Reaction Force (QRF), and both fixed and rotary wing air assets. The overall focus for the exercise was threefold: deterrence and prevention of this increasing threat; validation of the existing TSA MANPADS Mitigation Plan (MMP) (21 July 2004); and reinforcement of partnerships between the numerous responding agencies.

Previously, COL McDaniel was the Assistant Attorney General for Litigation, in the Executive Division of the Michigan Department of Attorney General. His duties included reviewing and providing recommendations to the Attorney General on all civil and criminal actions proposed to be initiated by the department in state or federal trial courts, and evaluating and providing recommendations to the Attorney General on all proposed settlements of every court case. COL McDaniel was responsible for special projects, such as anti-terrorism legislation, forming the hate crime prosecution team, and supervising the prosecution of internet tobacco sales to minors.