

Col James T. McGahey is the Brigade Commander for the 199th Infantry Brigade, Fort Benning, Georgia. COL James McGahey received his commission as a US Army Infantry Officer from Western Michigan University ROTC in December of 1995. Throughout his 23 years of service, COL McGahey served in mechanized, ranger, air assault, light, airborne, and cavalry formations. He is a fully qualified joint officer, earned a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies, and was an Army War College Fellow at Duke University.

COL McGahey was a platoon leader in 1-18 Infantry (Schweinfurt, Germany) and 3rd Ranger Battalion (Fort Benning, GA). He graduated from Infantry Captain's Career course and Combined Arms Service Staff School prior to assignment as the adjutant, Bravo Company commander in 3-502nd, and Commander, Long Range Surveillance Detachment, 101st Airborne Division (Fort Campbell, KY). He served as a small group instructor and doctrine writer at ICCC/MCCC (Fort Benning, GA) before his attendance to the Naval Command and Staff College (Newport, RI). He was a battalion and brigade operations officer in 4/4 Infantry Division (Fort Carson, CO) before his assignment as a future operations officer at United States Northern Command (Peterson, AFB). COL McGahey was selected to Command 3-73 Cavalry Squadron in the 82nd Airborne Division (Fort Bragg, NC). After squadron command, he served as 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division deputy brigade commander before selection to serve as the military assist to Commander, Resolute Support (Kabul, Afghanistan). Upon his return, he attended Duke University (Durham, NC) as an Army War College Fellow before his most recent assignment as the Director, Directorate of Training and Doctrine at the Maneuver Center of Excellence (Fort Benning, GA).

COL McGahey's operational deployments include Bosnia, Macedonia/Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan twice.

COL McGahey's awards and decoration include; The Bronze Star with oak leaf clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, Kosovo Campaign Medal with bronze star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral "3" and the NATO Medal. He wears the Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Wings, Air Assault Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Expert Infantryman's Badge.