



**Biography**  
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**MICHAEL J. STENZEL**  
**COL, ARMOR, NYG**  
**SECRETARY TO THE GENERAL STAFF**

Colonel Stenzel began his military career 13 October 1964 by enlisting in B Company 134<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion, New York Army National Guard, Buffalo, NY. Basic training was completed at Fort Dix, NJ, and while attending Advanced Individual Training for Medical Corpsman at Fort Sam Houston, TX, he also attended a Leadership Preparation Course. As a result of his class standing he was designated an acting NCO with charge of six corporals and 78 men for the AIT phase. Upon his return to the 134<sup>th</sup> he was assigned as Ambulance Orderly and Section Sergeant but performed duties as Company Clerk and subsequently entered the NYS Empire State Military Academy OCS program on 6 August 1966. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Medical Service Corps on 11 August 1967 at Camp Smith, Peekskill, NY, and assigned to D Company 134<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion as Ambulance Platoon Leader.



Lieutenant Stenzel transferred to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 210<sup>th</sup> Armor, Albany, NY and was assigned as Medical Platoon Leader on 10 September 1967. During this assignment Lieutenant Stenzel attended a resident Medical Service Officer's basic course March 1969 at Fort Sam Houston, TX, and was an Honor Graduate. He subsequently completed the Armor Officer's Basic Course (18 SEP 70) and was promoted to First Lieutenant on 10 September 1969. On 26 January 1971 he was transferred to Armor Branch and assigned as Platoon Leader, B Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 210<sup>th</sup> Armor. He was next assigned as Executive Officer, C Company on 21 June 1971 and then as Company Commander, C Company on 1 September 1972. Lieutenant Stenzel completed the Armor Officer's Advance 31 October 1972. Lieutenant Stenzel was promoted to Captain on 12 March 1973

Captain Stenzel's next assignments in the 210<sup>th</sup> Armor were 14 July 1975, Liaison Officer; 22 July 1976, Battalion Communication Electronics Staff Officer; 16 September 1977, S-3 Air; and 2 December 1978, Bn S-3 (Battalion Operations and Training Officer). As S3, CPT(P) Stenzel was Operations Officer at the Coxsackie Correctional Facility during the 1979 Prison Guard's Strike. Also during this period CPT Stenzel completed the Command and General Staff College 1 October 1977, Communication Basic courses 1977, Tactical EW/Cryptographic Operations Course January 1981, and Battalion Training Management Workshop June 1981. Captain Stenzel was promoted to Major on 18 April 1979.

Major Stenzel was next assigned as G2, Command and Control Headquarters, later Troop Command, Albany, on 2 December 1981. He completed correspondence courses for Military Intelligence Basic and Advance qualifications July 1983. As G2, Major Stenzel was one of the principal organizers of the Celtic-Knight exercise for AT83 and coordinated the OPFOR. On 13 December 1983 he was assigned as Plans and Operations Officer and later as Training Officer to State Headquarters NYARNG, Albany, and promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on 4 September 1984. As Training Officer, LTC Stenzel ran the State's Company Commander Pre-Command Course. On 2 July 1988 LTC Stenzel was transferred to the Engineering Directorate, due to his federal technician position as Construction and Facilities Management Officer, and served as Plans and Coordination Officer and Construction and Facilities Management Officer. LTC Stenzel was DA Board Selected 09 Nov 89 for Reserve Colonel but declined appointment to stay in the NYARNG.

On 1 March 1992 LTC Stenzel returned to the 210<sup>th</sup> Armor as Battalion Commander until 1 September 1993 when the unit was deactivated. During this period the 210<sup>th</sup> trained at Gowen Field, ID, and converted to M1 Abrams Tanks. LTC Stenzel was temporarily assigned as Inspector General (excess) in Headquarters, 42<sup>nd</sup> Division until 1 October 1993 when he was again assigned to State Headquarters, Engineering Directorate as COL M.J. Stenzel Biography

the Construction and Facilities Manager. LTC Stenzel was mandatorily discharged after 28 years 29 days of commissioned service, 30 years 10 months 28 days total service, on 9 September 1995, and placed on the State Reserve List.

Effective 19 August 1997 LTC Stenzel was brevetted to Colonel on the State Reserve List.

Colonel (brev) Stenzel joined the New York Guard and was appointed as an active Colonel on 19 June 1998 and assigned as J6 Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications and Electronics, Joint Staff, Headquarters, NYG. COL Stenzel coordinated the NYS Emergency Radio Net during Y2K. On 17 February 2001 COL Stenzel was reassigned as Deputy Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, Headquarters, NYG. Following the World Trade Center attacks of 9-11, COL Stenzel performed non-paid duty in coordination of NYG missions. On 18 May 2002 COL Stenzel was assigned as Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, Headquarters, NYG. On 29 November 2002 COL Stenzel was assigned as Executive Officer and Adjutant General, Headquarters, NYG, and continued duties as acting COS pending the selection of a new COS on 22 March 2003. Effective 8 March 2004 the Adjutant General duties were reassigned and COL Stenzel continued as Executive Officer only. On 20 June 2005 COL Stenzel was reassigned as Deputy Commander for Operations and Training, Headquarters, Army Division, NYG. On 17 June 2006 the NYG was reorganized to one Headquarters. COL Stenzel was reassigned in the new consolidated Headquarters as Secretary to the General Staff.

#### **Assignment Chronology:**

13 OCT 64 - 5 MAY 65; Trainee - B Company, 134<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion, NYARNG  
5 MAY 65 - 16 JUL 65; Basic Combat Training, Company F, 3<sup>rd</sup> Training Regiment, Fort Dix, NJ  
16 JUL 65 - 12 OCT 65; Advance Individual Training, Fort Sam Houston, TX  
12 OCT 65 - 5 APR 66; Ambulance Orderly, B Company, 134<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion, NYARNG  
5 APR 66 - 6 AUG 66; Section Sergeant, B Company, 134<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion, NYARNG  
6 AUG 66 - 11 AUG 67; Officer Candidate, Branch School #5, Buffalo, NYARNG  
11 AUG 67 - 10 SEP 67; Ambulance Platoon Leader, D Company, 134<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion, NYARNG  
10 SEP 67 - 25 JAN 71; Medical Platoon Leader, HHC, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn 210<sup>th</sup> Armor, NYARNG  
26 JAN 71 - 20 JUN 71; Tank Platoon Leader, B Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn 210<sup>th</sup> Armor, NYARNG  
21 JUN 71 - 30 AUG 72; Executive Officer, C Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn 210<sup>th</sup> Armor, NYARNG  
1 SEP 72 - 13 JUL 75; Company Commander, C Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn 210<sup>th</sup> Armor, NYARNG  
14 JUL 75 - 21 JUL 76; Liaison Officer, HHC, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn 210<sup>th</sup> Armor, NYARNG  
22 JUL 76 - 15 SEP 77; Communication & Electronics Officer, HHC, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn 210<sup>th</sup> Armor, NYARNG  
16 SEP 77 - 1 DEC 78; Air Operations Officer, HHC, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn 210<sup>th</sup> Armor, NYARNG  
2 DEC 78 - 1 DEC 81; Battalion Operations and Training Officer, HHC, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn 210<sup>th</sup> Armor, NYARNG  
2 DEC 81 - 1 FEB 83; G2 Intelligence Officer, Command and Control Headquarters, NYARNG  
1 FEB 83 - 12 DEC 83; G2 Intelligence Officer, Headquarters Troop Command, NYARNG  
13 DEC 83 - 2 JUL 84; Plans and Operations Officer; Directorate Plans, Operations, Training, & Military Support, Headquarters, State Area Command, NYARNG  
2 JUL 84 - 1 JUL 88; Training Officer, Operations Training and Intelligence Directorate, Headquarters, State Area Command, NYARNG  
2 JUL 88 - 28 FEB 92; Construction and Facilities Management Officer, Engineering Directorate, Headquarters, State Area Command, NYARNG  
1 MAR 92 - 1 SEP 93; Battalion Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn 210<sup>th</sup> Armor, NYARNG  
2 SEP 93 - 30 NOV 93; Inspector General, Headquarters, 42<sup>nd</sup> Division, NYARNG  
1 OCT 93 - 9 SEP 95; Construction and Facilities Management Officer, Engineering Directorate, Headquarters, State Area Command, NYARNG  
10 SEP 95 - 18 JUN 98; State Reserve List, and *09 SEP 95 to USAR Control Group (Retired)*  
19 JUN 98 - 16 FEB 01; J6 DCS for Communications and Electronics, Joint Staff, Headquarters, NYG  
17 FEB 01 - 17 MAY 02; Deputy Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, Headquarters, NYG  
18 MAY 02 - 22 MAR 03; Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, Headquarters, NYG  
29 NOV 02 - 8 MAR 04; Executive Officer and Adjutant General, Headquarters, NYG  
9 MAR 04 - 20 JUN 05; Executive Officer, Headquarters, NYG  
*20 MAR 04; AUS Retired, Orders P04-483085, dtd 05 APR 04, Dept of the Army ARPC-PSP-T*  
20 JUN 05 - 17 JUN 06; Deputy Commander - Operations and Training, Headquarters, Army Division, NYG  
17 JUN 06 - present; Secretary to the General staff, Headquarters New York Guard

#### **Promotion Chronology:**

PV1 - 13 OCT 64 SN: NG22029723  
PV2 - 13 FEB 65  
PFC - 1 FEB 66  
SGT - 6 JUL 66

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2LT - 11 AUG 67 SN: 02336325  
1LT - 10 SEP 69  
CPT - 12 MAR 73  
MAJ - 18 APR 79  
LTC - 4 SEP 84  
COL (Brevet) - 19 AUG 97-19 JUN 98  
COL - 19 JUN 1998

**Military Education:**

Basic Training, Fort Dix, NJ, (650702)  
Leadership Preparation Course, Fort Sam Houston, TX, top 5 graduate, (650715)  
Medical Corpsman, Fort Sam Houston, TX, (651011)  
NYS ESMA Officer Candidate School, Camp Smith, NY, (670811)  
Medical Service Officers Course, Fort Sam Houston, TX, honor graduate, (690328)  
Armor Officers Basic, (700917)  
Armor Officers Advance, (721031)  
National Guard Recruiting and Retention Course, (730226)  
Command and Staff Procedures, (760909)  
US Army Command and General Staff College, (771001)  
Armor Officers Staff Course, 1979  
Battalion Training Management System, (800626)  
Tactical Electronic Warfare Course, (810126)  
Military Intelligence Basic and Advance, (830713)  
Training Managers Workshop, (840302)  
Battalion Commanders Pre-Command Course (920322)  
M1 Transition Training Program, (930211)

**Military Qualifications:** (date of initial award)

**Enlisted:** 91A10 Medical Corpsman (651011)  
**Officer:** 3106, 3506 Medical Service Corps (69)  
12A, 12B Armor (780919)  
35D Tactical Intelligence (860404)  
21D Facilities/Contract Construction Engineer (890531)  
54 Operations Plans and Training (821012)  
25A Communications  
5M Electronic Warfare suffix (821012)  
3C M48 and M60A1-A3(TTS) series tanks (790507)  
3M M1 Abrams tank. (930329)

**Civilian Education:**

**Masters in Public Administration** from SUNY Brockport (9408--)

**Bachelor of Science** (Engineering Concentrations) from NYS Regents College (now Excelsior College), (880520)

**Employee courses Federal:** Manager Environmental Course, 1986, Corps of Engineers- Computer-Aided Modular Design (940826), Quality Guard Senior Advisors Course, Phase I, (950929)

**Employee courses NYS OGS:** Administrative Supervision (720612), Project Planning and Control (730920), Technical and Professional Communication (741119), Affirmative Action seminars (791015), Senior Project Manager AMA (810212), Life Cycle Costing Workshop (810824), Forms Management and Records Management (850611)

**Federal Awards and Decorations, and Certificates:**

MSM - Meritorious Service Medal (821203) (2<sup>nd</sup> 951005) (3<sup>rd</sup> 960212)  
ARCOM - Army Commendation Medal (860727) (2<sup>nd</sup> 861203) (3<sup>rd</sup> 881214)  
AAM - Army Achievement Medal (830208)  
ARCAM - Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (720303) (2<sup>nd</sup> 760303) (3<sup>rd</sup> 800303) (4<sup>th</sup> 840303) (5<sup>th</sup> 880303) (6<sup>th</sup> 920303) (7<sup>th</sup> 960303)  
NDSM - National Defense Service Medal  
AFRM - Armed Forces Reserve Medal (741013) (2<sup>nd</sup> 841013) (3<sup>rd</sup> 941013)  
ASR - Army Service Ribbon (840000)  
Cold War Recognition Certificate  
Certificate of Retirement (040320)

**New York State Awards and Decorations:**

NYS Conspicuous Service Medal (010530) (2<sup>nd</sup> 020601) (3<sup>rd</sup> 040119)  
NYS Medal for Meritorious Service (800425) (2<sup>nd</sup> 890327) (3<sup>rd</sup> 940419) (4<sup>th</sup> 010530)  
NYS Military Commendation Medal (781119) (2<sup>nd</sup> 830410) (3<sup>rd</sup> 900910)  
NYS Long and Faithful Service Award (5yr 691012) (10yr 741011) (15yr 791013) (20yr 841231) (25yr 891031) (30yr 990408) (35yr 020723)  
NYS Defense of Liberty Medal (030102)  
NYS Duty in Aid to Civil Authorities Medal (790614) (2<sup>nd</sup> 930319) (3<sup>rd</sup> 001001)  
NYS Medal for Humanitarian Service to NYS (800716) (2<sup>nd</sup> 930314)

**New York Guard Awards and Decorations:**

NYG Achievement Medal (991123)  
NYG Operations Support Medal (990917)  
NYG Service Ribbon (981219)  
First Provisional Regiment Medal (n/a)  
Joint Staff Badge (010320)  
Master Communication Badge (000801)

**Civilian Awards and Recognition's:**

Best Practices Award (DMNA Team Award), NYS Forum for Information Resource Management (960917)  
Historic Naval Ships Association - Educator Award (000926)

**Civilian Experience:**

Colonel Stenzel began his civilian employment with the NYS Public Works, Canals and Waterways in 1962 and served as an Engineering Aide, Engineering Technician and Senior Engineering Technician. He next served on a survey party with the NYS Office of General Services, Design and Construction Group, followed by assignment to the Office of Project Management as a Senior Building Superintendent of Construction, Assistant Building Construction Project Manager and Senior Building Construction Project Manager. He left state service in June 1986 and took a federal technician assignment as the Construction and Facilities Management Officer at the Division of Military and Naval Affairs, Directorate of Facilities Engineering. During this period he spent a number of years on the Facilities Engineering Advisory Council to the National Guard Bureau, working on CFMO upgrades, distribution standards for RPOM dollars, and standardization of armory designs. In September 1999 his "excepted" status was terminated with his ROPA discharge, and he was transferred to Management Program Analyst (TQM). In the period of November 1995 to February 1996 he was transitioned to Telecommunications Specialist in the Directorate of Communication Management (later Information Technology, and of late Administrative Support). In June 1996 he was designated the DMNA Webmaster and initiated the Agency's website. On November 2001 the website and duties were moved to the Public Affairs Office and he was assigned new duties as the Office/Project Manager with the Telecommunications Section. After the WTC attack of 9-11, he was assigned additional duties commencing 15 DEC 01 as "full-time" Joint Operations Center J6, to the close of WTC, Airport and Power Plant Security Operations. Although only one is authorized, Colonel Stenzel was issued the DLM by both the NYG and MNAS for his contributions within both organizations.

**Personal:**

Colonel Stenzel was born in 1944 and raised in North Tonawanda, NY, relocating to the Capital District area in August 1968. He has been married to his wife Barbara Milgate of Schenectady since April 1970, and they have three grown sons, John, James, and Jeremy. Colonel Stenzel is active in his church, initiating their website and recently singing in a quartet and serving three years as Secretary of the Council. Other activities include volunteer work and maintenance of a website for the USS Slater a Destroyer Escort Museum in Albany. He also initiated a website listing all the Forts in NYS and provided a number of Fort entries for the NYS Encyclopedia. He is an Honorary Life Member of the Destroyer Escort Historical Museum (DEHM), a life member of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW), and a life member of the Militia Association of NY (MANY). His hobbies are military history, scale military modeling, and genealogy.

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