

Lt Col Julie J.R. Huygen



Lieutenant Colonel Julie J.R. Huygen was born in Wilmington, Delaware and raised in Germantown, Tennessee, a suburb of Memphis. Lt Col Huygen graduated from The Hutchison School and participated in Youth in Government, Model United Nations, and Close Up. She was honored as a Presidential Scholar and a National Merit Scholar. She was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard University and concentrated in Government. Despite being severely lacking in any athletic skill, she has a championship ring for managing the 1989 NCAA men's ice hockey championship team. As a member of the Crimson Key Society, she gave campus tours and assisted with Freshman Week for the incoming class of 1,600. For the past 20 years, she has done alumni interviews of high school seniors applying to Harvard. A week after graduation, she started working for USA Hockey and the men's ice hockey team that competed at the 1992 Olympic Games. She went on to jobs with a minor league baseball team, a Major League Baseball team, and a National Basketball Association player. While working in baseball, she started the evening program at the University of Maryland School of Law. She lived in the D.C. area while finishing law school, during which time she interned at the Department of Justice and National Security Council and clerked at what is now the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

Like the majority of Air Force judge advocates, or officers who are lawyers, First Lieutenant Huygen entered the Air Force as a direct appointee, meaning she had no prior obligation to serve and the Air Force did not pay for school. Her first assignment was at Fairchild Air Force Base, outside of Spokane, Washington. Fairchild is home to the 92d Air Refueling Wing, a unit that flies and supports KC-135 planes whose primary mission is to refuel other aircraft in-flight. Beginning at Fairchild and almost every year since joining the Air Force, she has organized annual Law Day events, including educational sessions at local elementary schools.

Captain Huygen was re-assigned to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Kunsan hosts the 8th Fighter Wing, a unit that flies and supports F-16 planes whose primary mission is to conduct air-to-ground and air-to-air combat missions. Capt Huygen's next assignment was to 3rd Air Force, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom. Responsible for Air Force units in the United Kingdom, Germany, and Norway, 3rd Air Force had a separate mission to command United States military humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations in Europe and sub-Saharan Africa. In support of that mission, Capt Huygen deployed to Mozambique, Uganda, South Africa, and Georgia (the former Soviet Socialist Republic, not the home of the Braves). As an Air Force Intern, she spent two years at the Pentagon, rotating through offices of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Headquarters Air Force.

She was later re-assigned to Barksdale Air Force Base, outside of Shreveport, Louisiana. She worked at the 2d Bomb Wing, which flies and supports the B-52, a long-range, heavy bomber plane. She deployed to serve as the sole lawyer for an air expeditionary wing that provided tactical airlift in Iraq with C-130 planes. Back at Barksdale, she moved to 8th Air Force, the headquarters responsible for Air Force flying and cyber operations conducted for United States Strategic Command. On weekends, she volunteered at the local animal shelter. She also taught at STARBASE, a Department of Defense program to interest elementary-school students in science and math.

Lt Col Huygen is assigned to the Office of The Judge Advocate General (TJAG), Headquarters Air Force, the Pentagon. TJAG is the senior uniformed lawyer for the Secretary and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. After two years directly supporting TJAG, Lt Col Huygen now works in the Administrative Law Directorate. At the time of this writing, she is deployed as the senior lawyer for the air expeditionary wing at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.

She was a military mentor in 2012. She is honored to be selected as this year's Senior Military Mentor.

MAJ Eric McCoy

MAJ Eric McCoy is a native of Baltimore, Maryland. A career military logistician, he currently serves on the faculty of the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership at the U.S. Military Academy as a leadership instructor.



He attended Morgan State University in Baltimore where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mental Health. A Distinguished Military Graduate, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps on 15 May 1998. During his time at Morgan, MAJ McCoy was active in several campus organizations, to include service as the Vice President of the Student Government Association.

His civilian schooling also includes a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University and a Master of Policy Management from Georgetown University. His military schooling includes the Ordnance Officer Basic Course; the Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course; the Combined Arms and Services Staff School; the Support Operations Course; the Inspector General Course; and the Command and General Staff Officer Course.

MAJ McCoy's initial tours as a junior officer were as Assistant Recruiting Officer, Morgan State University ROTC Detachment; Platoon Leader and Executive Officer, 546th Maintenance Company (Direct Support), Fort Polk, Louisiana and Shop Officer, 46th Engineer Battalion (Combat)(Heavy), Fort Polk, Louisiana. Following graduation from the Combined Logistics Captains Career Course, he served as Battalion Operations Officer, 2d Support Battalion; Camp Hovey, Korea followed by Commander, Echo Company, 702d Main Support Battalion, Camp Casey, Korea.

After company command, he served as a Support Battalion and Logistics Trainer for the Army's National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California preparing units for deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan. MAJ McCoy was then one of twenty officers selected across the Army to be a Joint Staff Intern. Following a year of graduate studies at Georgetown University, he served in the Pentagon as a Staff Officer in the Logistics Directorate of the Joint Staff and as an Inspector General for the U.S. Army Inspector General Agency. MAJ McCoy was then assigned to activate, train, and deploy the 125th Support Battalion, 1st Armored Division; serving as their Executive Officer (2nd in Command) for 34 months both at Fort Bliss, Texas and in Logar Province, Afghanistan in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

MAJ McCoy's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, NATO Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award. He is authorized permanent wear of the Joint Staff Identification Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

He is also a recipient of the Distinguished Order of Samuel Sharpe for outstanding contributions to the Ordnance Corps and the Honorable Order of Saint Martin for outstanding contributions to the Quartermaster Corps. The Army Logistics University and the International Society of Logistics have also designated MAJ McCoy as a Demonstrated Senior Logistician.

MAJ McCoy is married to the former Bernice Macey of Severna Park, Maryland. They have three children: Maria, Solomon, and Joseph. He served as a Military Mentor for USSYP in 2007 and as the Senior Military Mentor in 2009. He counts it a privilege to have the opportunity to once again support the USSYP.