



MAJOR GENERAL NELSON J. CANNON

Deputy Commanding General

Civilian Police Assistance Training Team

Major General Cannon assumed duties as Director General, Civilian Police Assistance Training Team (CPATT), Directorate of Interior Affairs (DoIA), Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I) in June 2008. This is a joint, combined, inter-agency headquarters with the mission of advising the Government of Iraq in

the organizing, staffing, training, equipping, building infrastructure for, and the mentoring of over 400,000 Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) to facilitate a democratic, safe, secure and unified Iraq. He is responsible for assisting the Iraqi Ministry of Interior in developing institutional capabilities and coordinate their actions and requirements with the Multi-National Corps-Iraq (MNC-I), Multi-National Forces-Iraq (MNF-I) and the U.S. Embassy. In this capacity he supervises an annual budget with expenditures in excess of \$3 billion dollars. Additionally, he assumes Command in the absence of the Commanding General.

Major General Cannon received his commission to Second Lieutenant in 1978 through Officer Candidate School. Major General Cannon began his military career in 1967 when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, serving in Vietnam from November 1967 through January 1969 as a combat veteran, he was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in 1970. He enlisted into the Michigan Army National Guard in 1977. Prior to his current assignment, General Cannon served as a Maintenance Company Commander, Installation Provost Marshal, Deputy Commander for the Army National Guard Maneuver Training Center, Military Police Brigade Deputy Commander and Military Police Brigade Commanding General. In his previous assignment he deployed as the Commander, Joint Detention Operations Group at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

EDUCATION:

1976 University of Detroit, Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice, Detroit, Michigan
1987 Central Michigan University, Master of Arts, Public Administration, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

2002 U.S. Army War College, Master of Arts, Strategic Studies, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1978 - September 1979, Platoon Leader, 1071st Maintenance Company, Michigan Army National Guard, Camp Grayling, Michigan
2. September 1979 - October 1980, Maintenance Control Officer, 1071st Maintenance Company, Michigan Army National Guard, Camp Grayling, Michigan
3. November 1980 - June 1981, Maintenance Control Officer/Executive Officer, 1071st Maintenance Company, Michigan Army National Guard, Camp Grayling, Michigan
4. June 1981 - July 1985, Company Commander, 1071st Maintenance Company, Michigan Army National Guard, Camp Grayling, Michigan
5. July 1985 - March 1997, Provost Marshal, Installation Support Unit, Michigan Army National Guard, Camp Grayling, Michigan
6. March 1997 - March 1999, Deputy Commander, Maneuver Training Center, Michigan Army National Guard, Camp Grayling, Michigan
7. March 1999 - July 2003, Deputy Commander, 177th Military Police Brigade, Michigan Army National Guard, Taylor, Michigan
8. July 2003 - August 2004, Commander, Joint Detention Operation Group, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
9. August 2004 - July 2006, Commanding General, 177th Military Police Brigade, Michigan Army National Guard, Taylor, Michigan
10. July 2006 - Present, Commander, 46th Military Police Command, Michigan Army National Guard, Lansing, Michigan

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal
Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Combat Action Ribbon
United States Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal
Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Star)
Vietnam Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Service Stars)
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass)
Army Service Ribbon
Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (with V device)
Michigan Legion of Merit
Michigan Broadsword Service Medal (with Gold Oak Leaf Cluster)

Michigan Out side the United States Service Ribbon
Michigan State Partnership Ribbon
Meritorious Unit Citation

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant ARNG 25 June 1978
First Lieutenant ARNG 24 June 1981
Captain ARNG 27 July 1982
Major ARNG 25 March 1987
Lieutenant Colonel ARNG 22 September 1994
Colonel ARNG 17 May 1999
Brigadier General ARNG 1 September 2004
Major General ARNG 29 July 2006

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