



**National Guard Special Assistant to  
The Judge Advocate General  
The Judge Advocate General's  
Corps  
U.S. Army  
Brigadier General  
William D. Schneider**



Brigadier General W. Daniel Schneider was raised in Rock Island, Illinois. He graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1970 with a B.A. in Political Science. He graduated from the University of New Mexico School Of Law in 1973 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant through the AFROTC program. In 1974 General Schneider accepted a Direct Commission as a Captain in the Army JAGC. General Schneider also has an M.A. Degree in International Relations from Boston University.

General Schneider's first assignment was at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD where he served as the Chief Trial Counsel. He then served as Defense counsel and Legal Assistance Officer for the 38th ADA Brigade at Osan Air Base, Korea. In 1976 General Schneider was assigned to Fort Carson, CO where he served as the Chief of the Expanded Legal Assistance Program. In 1978 General Schneider left active duty, joined the reserves, and served as a civilian prosecutor for over two years in New Mexico and Colorado.

In 1980 General Schneider returned to active duty and was assigned to SETAF in Vicenza, Italy, where he was the Chief Trial Counsel for Army forces in Italy, Greece, and Turkey. He then served as the Command Judge Advocate at Camp Darby, Italy. General Schneider later served at the Office of the Judge Advocate General in both the Legal Assistance Division and in Administrative Law Division, Personnel Law Branch. In 1986 he returned to civilian practice and joined the New Mexico National Guard.

In the National Guard, General Schneider served as Staff Judge Advocate of the 111th ADA Brigade in Albuquerque from 1989 until 1994. He was then assigned as Deputy State Judge Advocate and Military Judge in Santa Fe. In 1996 he became the State Judge Advocate, a position he held until September 2002 when he assumed his current position as Special Assistant to the Judge Advocate General.

In civilian life General Schneider practiced civil litigation until he was elected in 1994 as District Court Judge for the 2nd Judicial District in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In March 2003 Judge Schneider was sworn in as a U.S. Magistrate Judge, for the District of New Mexico.

General Schneider graduated from the Judge Advocate Basic and Graduate Courses, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Services Commendation Medal and the Army Commendation medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. General Schneider also wears the Army Staff Identification Badge.

General Schneider is married and has four children, three grandchildren, and a black lab named Bear.