

**LTC Cynthia A Koenig (Betz) '85  
Inducted 2016**



Cindy's career spans 22 years in the Active Force and assignments from Platoon Leader to the Pentagon.

Cindy is Distinguished Military Graduate, Commander of Pershing Rifles 1985 (the National Company--the only time in Xavier Pershing Rifles history to achieve this top national honor) and 3-year member, Resident Assistant (2 years). She was Commissioned as an MP Officer and assigned to a Personal Reliability Program unit, the 164th MP Company, Miesau, Germany as Platoon Leader, Executive Officer and Site Operations Officer for the security and safeguarding of nuclear weapons. She commanded the largest law enforcement company in the US Army at Ft. Hood Texas, LEA, 89th MP Brigade. In 1995 she was selected for a Master of Arts Scholarship at the University of North Carolina, UNC-Chapel Hill, in preparation for assignment as Assistant Professor, Department of Behavioral Sciences & Leadership at the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY. She was assigned as the Battalion Executive Officer of the 19th MP Battalion (CID),

Korea. In May of 2001 she was assigned to the Army Staff (Army G-3), Pentagon as an MP Operations Officer and was in the Pentagon on 9-11. After two years on the Army Crisis Action Team supporting combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq and Hurricane Katrina relief as well as serving as Executive Officer to the Army Operations Chief (then MG Peter W. Chiarelli), she was assigned as Branch Chief of the Army Counterdrug Program, (Army G-3). She completed her career as Liaison Officer to Joint Staff for NORAD-USNORTHCOM. She spent her career as a role model for women in uniform by maintaining a perfect 300 score on the Army Physical Fitness Test throughout her career and mentored numerous female junior officers in a male dominated branch and Service. To my knowledge she is one of the highest ranking female graduates of the Xavier University ROTC program.

In civilian life, Cindy is an active HOSPICS volunteer, Dominican Associate and Physician Assistant.

She has a lifelong love of education as demonstrated by degrees from Xavier University (Bachelor of Science-Biology 1985), The University of Oklahoma (Master of Science-Human Resource Management 1990), and The University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill (Master of Arts-Psychology 1996). She has also is written for the professional journal, Army Logistician.

Cindy exemplifies the highest traditions of the US Army and the Warrior Ethos; the Army ROTC program and living the Army Values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage, and Xavier University's values to succeed in changing the world together and acting with integrity, justice and generosity.