

LTC Beth M. McCluskey (Reilly)
Class of 1986
Enshrined 2021



Beth's versatile career spans 20 years both as a Military Police Officer and later as a member of the Nurse Corps, deploying to forward operating bases as Commander and Surgical Nurse.

Beth graduated from Xavier University with a BS degree and was commissioned as 2LT in the Military Police Corps in 1986. She served 6 years, then resigned her commission to become a nurse. She graduated from Ursuline College in 2006 and was re-commissioned in the Army Reserves in the Nurse Corps. She works full time in the Operating Room at University Hospitals, Cleveland Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

As a Military Police Officer, she served in Heilbronn, Germany as Platoon Leader for the 194th MP Company and as the Physical Security Officer for the 101st Ordnance Battalion. She then served in Ft Stewart, GA as the S-1 for the 24th MP Company, Law Enforcement Command. While on active duty, she achieved the rank of Captain and later resigned her commission in May 1993. In December 2006, she re-commissioned in the Nurse Corps as a 1LT, was promoted to Captain in April 2008, Major in 2013 and Lieutenant Colonel in 2018. She served as a Surgical Nurse for the 256th Combat Support Hospital in Twinsburg, Ohio and deployed to Iraq December 2010-November 2011 in support of Operation New Dawn. She served as the Commander and OR nurse for the 848th Forward Surgical Team in Twinsburg, Ohio and deployed the Team to Afghanistan in 2013 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from May-Dec 2014. She served as Commander for 3 years. She remained with the Team after command due to the challenge and high tempo of the FST. She recently deployed in Eastern Afghanistan (Oct 2018 through Aug 2019) supporting SOTF-A acting as a Site OIC and Operating Room Nurse in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. LTC McCluskey now serves with the 7301st MTSB at Joint Base MDL in NJ.

LTC McCluskey's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (5), National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 2 Campaign Stars, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd award), Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device Bronze Hourglass, NATO Medal (2), German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge Gold and Norwegian Foot-March Skill Insignia Bronze. In addition she has medical certifications including Certified Nurse Operating Room (CNOR), Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) and Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC). In addition, she possesses numerous trauma certifications which testify to her proficiency in healthcare.

Beth is married to LTC (ret) John McCluskey who retired after 28 years and is now Battalion ROTC Recruiter for John Carroll University. Beth and John have two sons. Their oldest son (Jack) was commissioned a 2LT in May 2014 and is a CPT while youngest son (Patrick) is a CPT commissioned in May 2015. Beth is a member of the Veterans of Foreign War and is active volunteer with Special Wish Foundation in Cleveland supporting children diagnosed with life threatening illnesses.

