

Executive Assistant to the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

SGM Thomas O. McMurtrie



SGM McMurtrie was born on 14 March 1957 in Williamsport Indiana, to Chester and Anna McMurtrie. He graduated from Benton Central High School in January of 1975 and entered the U.S. Army the same month.

SGM McMurtrie graduated Basic Training in March of 1975, and Advanced Individual Training in May of 1975. His first duty assignment was B-Btry 4th Battalion, 4th Field Artillery, Ft. Sill Oklahoma. His first overseas assignment was the 88th United States Army Field Artillery Detachment (USAFAD) in Greece. He served as cannoneer, Assistant Gunner, Custodial Agent, Assembler, and Emergency Action Team member during these assignments.

After a break in service during which time he served as the Supply Sergeant for the 387th Quarter Master Petroleum Supply Co. (USAR) Danville, IL, SGM McMurtrie reentered active duty and graduated from Airborne school in March of 1981. His follow on assignment was with the 1st Battalion, 319th Field Artillery, 82nd Airborne Division, where he served as Gunner and Section Chief. He was a DA selectee and successfully completed recruiting duty in Peoria Recruiting Battalion from 1982 to 1985.

Upon completing recruiting duty, he transferred to Italy where he served in the 11th USAFAD, as the Maintenance and Assembly Platoon Sergeant and as the Detachment Sergeant. After DA Selection he transferred to the 30th Field Artillery Regiment and served as the Equal Opportunity Advisor to the Field Artillery School.

SGMs McMurtrie's next assignment was as First Sergeant for B Btry 6th Battalion 29th Field Artillery, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder Germany. The last 6 months of this assignment he served as the HHS 6-29 First Sergeant. Upon Arriving back in the States he was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division where he served as First Sergeant for HHB and later as the Operations Sergeant for the Battalion. Upon completing the United States Army Sergeant's Major Academy, he was assigned as

the Battalion Command Sergeant Major to the 1st Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division. During his tenure he deployed elements of the Dragon Battalion on 9 different major missions to include Bosnia, Kuwait and Montana. In March of 2002 he was selected to serve as the Garrison Command Sergeant Major, Fort Hood Texas. He served in this position till October 2005 during which time he assisted in the successful transition to IMA and supervised countless deployments to IRAQ to include the 1st CAV and 4th Infantry divisions. In October 05 he was selected for and still serves as the Executive Assistant to the Senior Enlisted Advisor, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

SGM McMurtrie's Military education includes every level of the NCOES system, Basic Airborne Training, Jump Master Course, U.S. Army Recruiting School, Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, and the Garrison Sergeant's Major Course. His civilian education includes and BA degree for Governor's State University, University Park, Il, and a Masters Degree in Human Resource Development from Webster's University, St. Louis, MO.

SGM McMurtrie's awards include LOM, MSM (4OLC), ARCOM (3OLC), AAM (2OLC), GCM (8th award), NCOPD (w/ numeral 4), NDSM, ASM, OSM, AFEM, Parachutist Badge and US Army Recruiting Badge w/ 1 Gold Star.

SGM McMurtrie is married to the former Ms Delydia Spoons, and has two children.