

PIERRE DAVID LAX
MAJOR GENERAL, NEW YORK GUARD
COMMANDING GENERAL



Born 14 February 1935 Paris, France. A survivor of the Holocaust, he immigrated to the United States and became a naturalized citizen 15 August 1975. He was educated in France, in England and New York University.

MG Lax entered military service in the New York Army National Guard a private in September 1952, rising to the rank of staff Sergeant. He entered the Empire State Military Academy and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in Artillery in 1957. Holding the position of Transportation Officer, Company Commander, Signal Equipment and Repair Officer, Motor Transport and Troop Movement Officer, he rose to the rank of Captain.

CPT Lax transferred to the U.S. Army Reserved 1179th USA Staging Station in 1967. During the Vietnam War, CPT Lax received a commendation for establishing an SOP for troops embarking to Vietnam in 1968 while assigned to the Overseas Replacement Station at Fort Dix, NJ. CPT Lax was reassigned back to the 1179th Staging Station in 1968, serving as Troop Movement Officer, Material Readiness Officer, and Property Book Officer. CPT Lax was transferred to the 77th ARCOM in 1968 serving as Commander HHC, and Director of Logistical Services. CPT Lax promoted to Major in 1970. MAJ Lax was transferred to the 1150th USAR School in 1976 as

Administrative and Training Officer. MAJ Lax completed 28 years commissioned service and was honorably discharged in 1985.

MAJ Lax joined the New York Guard in 1991 and was appointed as Lieutenant Colonel. He served as Communication and Electronics Officer with the Command Support Brigade. In 1993 he was assigned as Deputy Commander 14th Brigade, NYG. In 1994 he was reassigned as Commander 14th Brigade. In 1998 LC Lax was promoted to Colonel. Colonel Lax was promoted to Brigadier General in 1999. In 1999 he was reassigned as Special Projects Officer, Joint Staff, Headquarters, NYG. In 2003 he was transferred to the State Retired list. BG Lax was promoted to Major General on 14 February 2003. MG Lax was recalled by the Governor and appointed Commander NYG effective 21 September 2004.

His Awards and decoration included Army Reserved Component Achievement Medal, Defense service Medal, Armed Forces Medal, New York State Long and Faithful Services Medal, NYS Defense of Liberty Medal, NYS Recruiting Medal, New York Guard Commendation Medal, New York Guard Achievement Medal, New York Guard Commander Citation, and New York Guard Operations Support Medal (3 awards).

MG Lax is married to Jhoanna and resides in Hauppauge, NY. He has five children, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. MG Lax is a sixth-degree black belt and is an instructor in the Martial Arts.

MG Lax is CEO of Lax Electronics, Inc. dba Automatic Connector. His business supplies RF microwave components to major electronics and aerospace companies such as Raytheon, Boeing, Collins Aerospace and Lockheed Martin.

MG Lax is a former Trustee of the United States Army War College.

Federal Awards and Decorations, and Certificates

ARCAM- Army Reserved Components Achievement Medal 730303

NDSM- National Defense Service Medal 73

AFRM- Armed Forces Reserve Medal (620916) (720303)

USAF Small Arms Expert Ribbon

New York State Awards and Decorations

NYS Long and Faithful Service Award

NYS Defense of Liberty Medal (030102)

NYS Recruiting Medal

NYS Conspicuous Service Medal

New York Guard Awards and Decorations

NYG Commendation Medal (991222)

NYG Achievement Medal (970831)

NYG Achievement/ Service I Medal

NYG Commander's Citation (960806) (2nd award)

NYG Operations Support Medal (960831) (2nd award) (3rd award)

NYG Service Ribbon (920123)

First Provisional Regiment Medal

Joint Staff Badge

Basic Radiological Monitoring Badge (990327)

Search and Rescue Tab

NYG Meritorious Service Medal

14 June 2017

As of this date MG Lax for 19 years has hosted the U.S. Army 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment "The Old Guard" and other military units on the Birthday of the U.S. Army.