



Marianne E. Watson

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Brigadier General (Retired) **Marianne E. Watson** is currently exploring opportunities to empower people to make great choices. She currently serves on four non-profit boards: Advisor to Corporate America Supports You (CASY)/Military Spouse Corporate Career Network (MSCCN), Vice Chair for the American Jobs for America's Heroes (AJAH) Campaign, Advisor for Give-An-Hour who provides free counseling for veterans, service members or a military family member; and Co-Chair for Mission: Getting to Next a women's career transition program.

Brigadier General (Retired) **Marianne E. Watson** previously served as the Director of Manpower and Personnel, (J-1), at the National Guard Bureau in Arlington, Virginia. She was responsible for providing strategic guidance supporting the 460,000 Army and Airmen on all aspects of personnel and manpower management. Other duties included policy development, budget oversight, program execution and a communication strategy outlining clear and concise messaging. Programs included Family Programs, Transition Assistance Program (TAP), Joint Manpower Programs, Technician Personnel Management, Civilian (Title 5) Management, National Disaster – Personnel Accountability, Sexual Assault Prevention & Response (SAPR), Diversity, Equal Opportunity; and the Youth Challenge Program (YC). Special emphasis was placed on developing governmental and non-governmental partnerships in support of Service Members, Veterans and their Families in the areas of education, employment and well being within an initiative titled "Joining Community Forces" needed to support an all-volunteer force.

General Watson received her commission and was selected as the Honor Graduate of the Virginia National Guard Military Academy Officers Candidate School Class 31 at Ft. A.P. Hill. She has served full time as a Company Commander, Detachment Commander in the Virginia Army National Guard and Battalion Executive Officer in the Minnesota Army National Guard. General Watson has served at the National Guard Bureau since 1987. She served as the Officer Management Branch Chief, Personnel Division and later as the Chief, Army National Guard Personnel Division. General Watson deployed to Bagram Afghanistan as the Chief, National Guard Affairs. Upon her return she served as the Army National Guard G1 for approximately three years before her last assignment as the National Guard J-1.