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THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COMMENDS MAJOR GENERAL EDWARD H. MERRIGAN, JR. ON HIS SECOND STAR

Fort Lauderdale, FL — On September 29th, the United States Senate conferred a second star on Major General Edward H. Merrigan Jr. The 17th Judicial Circuit congratulates Major General Merrigan for his accomplishments.

Major General Merrigan began his military career in 1994 and continued through his time as Commander of the Alpha Company and ultimately was selected to serve as the Battalion Executive Officer of the 478th Civil Affairs Battalion (FID/UW). In this role, he deployed to Iraq to participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom II. As Major General Merrigan’s military career continued, he would advance and be promoted to Brigadier General where he would also be selected as the Division Commander of the Great Lakes Training Division, 84th Training Command. He later was selected to be the Deputy Commanding General of the 84th Training Command. Today, he now holds the title of Commanding General of the 84th Training Command (UR), Fort Knox, Kentucky.

In addition to Major General Merrigan’s ornamental military background, he also has several academic accolades starting with a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Lenoir-Rhyne College, followed by a Juris Doctorate from Samford University, Cumberland School of Law and later followed by a Master’s degree in tax law from Emory University. He later received a Master’s Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

Major General Merrigan has been awarded several different medals including a Bronze Star Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. He also received several badges of honor including the Combat Action Badge and Parachute Badge.

Major General Merrigan has been a Circuit Court Judge in Fort Lauderdale, Florida since 2009. He continues to oversee the criminal trial division. Adding to his many accomplishments, Major General Merrigan is also the founder of the Broward County Veterans Court.

The 17th Judicial Circuit supports Major General Merrigan in all of his efforts and is proud of his continued military success while continuing to serve the court system. On behalf of the entire staff of the 17th Judicial Circuit of Florida, Congratulations Major General Merrigan!