

Major General (Ret.) Michael W. Symanski

Year of Commission: 1970

BA in History & Political Science

MA in History



2LT Symanski's first duty station was with the 82nd Airborne Division as a Platoon Leader. From there, he came back to Illinois to serve in numerous positions as a Captain and a Major. In 1990, as a LTC, he commanded the 387th QM Battalion through Operation DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM. Colonel Symanski served as Chief of Staff in Hungary, Germany, and the Balkans. BG Symanski commanded the 3rd Corps Support Command in 2000. As a M in 2001, he served as the Commanding General of the 89th Reserve Support Command in Kansas where he was responsible for 12,000 soldiers in four states and mobilized over 6,000 soldiers in support of the Global War on Terrorism. After retiring, he went to Afghanistan as a contractor to be the Senior Mentor to the Afghan Ministry of Defense in 2009. He currently serves as the Army Reserve Ambassador for Kansas.

Year Inducted: 2014