

# Lieutenant General Benjamin C. Freakley



Lieutenant General Benjamin C. Freakley assumed command of U.S. Army Accessions Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia, on 18 May 2007, which consists of U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, KY; U.S. Army Cadet Command, Fort Monroe, VA; and U.S. Army Accessions Support Brigade, Fort Knox, KY. U.S. Army Accessions Command also exercises Department of the Army-directed executive agent authority over the U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command, North Chicago, IL. General Freakley is responsible for meeting accessions goals for officer and enlisted personnel, managing and conducting recruiting operations, developing accessions policy, developing direct commission and appointment policy, and overseeing accessions programs. On 27 May 2010, General Freakley assumed the role of Senior Commander at Fort Knox, as U.S. Army Accessions Command assumed the role of senior mission command of Fort Knox and established the Human Resource Center of Excellence.

General Freakley is from Woodstock, Virginia. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1975 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Regular Army. He has a Master of Military Arts and Science Degree in Operations. His military schooling includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, British Long Armor/Infantry Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, School of Advanced Military Studies, and the Army War College.

General Freakley served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Scout Platoon Leader, and Rifle Company Commander in the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, KY, from 1976-1979. After the Advanced Course, he served as Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, Military District of Washington. In Germany, he served as a Fielding Officer for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle and as Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander, and Battalion S3 in the 2d Battalion, 30th Infantry (Mechanized).

From 1988-1992, General Freakley served in the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) as the G3 War Plans Officer and during Operation DESERT SHIELD as the Battalion Executive Officer of the 3d Battalion, 7th Infantry. In Operation DESERT STORM, he was the S3 for the 1st Brigade, 24th ID (M). After redeployment to Fort Stewart, GA, he became the Brigade Executive Officer.

From 1992 to 1994, he commanded 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry, 2d Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX. General Freakley served as the G3, 24th ID from 1995-1996. He then served as the Deputy Chief of Staff, III Corps at Fort Hood. He commanded the 3d Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division from February 1997 to December 1998.

He served from January 1999 to June 2000 as Commander, Operations Group, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA. He followed as the Deputy Director for Operations, National Military Command Center, J3, The Joint Staff, from July 2000 until May 2001. He became Deputy Director for Joint Warfighting Capabilities Assessment, J8, on The Joint Staff. In 2002, he joined the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, KY, as the Assistant Division Commander (Support). He later served as Assistant Division Commander (Operations) during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. From July 2003 to August 2005 he served as Commanding General, U.S. Army Infantry Center/Commandant, U.S. Army Infantry School and Chief of Infantry.

From August 2005 to April 2007 he served as Commanding General, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) at Fort Drum, NY, and Commanding General, Combined/Joint Task Force-76, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan, from February 2006 to February 2007.

General Freakley's military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (with OLC), Defense Superior Service Medal (with OLC), Legion of Merit (with two OLCs), Bronze Star (with "V" device), Bronze Star (with OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (with nine OLCs), Army Commendation Medal (with "V" device), Army Achievement Medal, State Department Meritorious Honor Award, NATO Meritorious Service Medal, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Combat Action Badge, Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge.

General Freakley is married to the former Susan French of Woodstock, Virginia. They have five sons, three daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren – Ben, Melissa, Benjamin III and Connor; Stuart, Katie, Daniel, and Anna Kate; William and Caitlin; Sam; and Andrew. William and Sam currently serve as Infantry lieutenants in the Army.