



## **BRIGADIER GENERAL (R) THOMAS P. "PATT" MANEY**

### **UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CLASS OF 1970**

Brigadier General Patt Maney was born in Lexington, Kentucky and is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville College of Law, Troy State University, and the Army War College.

An ROTC graduate and former infantry officer, General Maney is a veteran of Operation Just Cause (Panama); Operation Uphold Democracy (Haiti); Operations Joint Guard and Joint Endeavor (Bosnia) and Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan). In Bosnia, he served with the Office of the High Representative implementing the Dayton Peace Accord. He helped coordinate the 1997 visit of His Holiness John Paul II to Sarajevo. He is a former Deputy Commander of both the Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) and the JFK Special Warfare Center and School (Airborne). He commanded the 350<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Command and the 354 Civil Affairs Brigade. For seventeen months, BG Maney served as the Political Sector Coordinator and Senior Advisor to the US Ambassador to Afghanistan holding the diplomatic status of attaché. He was wounded in an IED attack and spent almost twenty months recuperating at Walter Reed Army Medical Center retiring from the Army in April, 2007.

Among his military awards are: the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and the Purple Heart. He also holds the Secretary of Defense Award for Outstanding Public Service, the Department of State's Meritorious Honor Award and the Afghan Ghazi Mir Batcha Khan Superior Medal that was presented by the late king, Zahir Shah.

A Florida state court judge since 1989, Judge Patt Maney led efforts to establish a VA Vet Center to serve local combat veterans as well as coordinated a community-based annual Stand Down for homeless veterans. He was the "spark plug" to acquire a combat veteran UH-1 "Huey" helicopter to display at the Northwest Florida Regional Airport honoring an Army Medal of Honor recipient and his son, both local Viet Nam veterans. He started the first Vet Court in the state of Florida and was honored when the Veterans Treatment Court Act was named for him. He initiated successful efforts to obtain the bell from the World War II Liberty ship, USS Okaloosa, for Okaloosa County.

He is known as an innovator starting defendant-funded programs to save tax dollars including a house arrest program, a worthless check diversion program and a Mental Health Court. As an attorney with fifteen years of private practice experience in Kentucky and Florida, he was involved in the estate of billionaire Howard Hughes and a Title VII civil rights class action suit against the Air Force.

He currently serves on the statewide DUI Programs Review Board and the statewide advisory committee on Pre-trial Diversion for Veterans. He serves on the statutory Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council, as well as the task force on Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Veterans Issues in the Courts, and the statutory Florida Defense Support Task Force. As an adjunct, he taught for two colleges. He is a former founding director of a community bank. He and his wife, Caroline, UK '71, have two grown daughters and six grandchildren. General Maney is an Eagle Scout and holds the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award.