

# DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS REGIMENT



**BRIGADIER GENERAL  
FERDINAND IRIZARRY**  
*U.S. Army, Retired*

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Brigadier General Ferdinand Irizarry served in United States military for 36 years and retired August 2015. Besides consulting work, he has been the Senior Mentor for the planning and execution of brigade theater-level Command Post Exercises. Before retiring, he served as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 United States Army Reserve Command and Chief, Readiness, Office of the Chief of Army Reserve.

In this capacity, he was responsible for ensuring the operational readiness of US Army Reserve elements through the expeditious implementation of the Army Total Force Policy and expanding the global reach of these forces by establishing Army Reserve Engagement Cells/Teams in every theater. Irizarry previously served as the Deputy Commanding General for the United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School/Special Operations Center of Excellence where he was responsible for coordinating the successful accreditation and recognition of the school as a training Center of Excellence.

His previous assignments include Deputy J9 (Civil-Military Cooperation) for the ISAF Joint Command; executive officer to the Under Secretary of the Army; Commander, 95th Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne); Chief of Staff/G-3/5/7, United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne); the Director of the US Army Special Operations Forces proponent, and Chief, Civil Affairs/Civil-Military Operations training and doctrine development. He served tours on contingency operations in Bosnia, Kosovo and Afghanistan with joint and multi-national units.

Brig. Gen. Irizarry's awards and decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with three oak-leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with five oak-leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with oak-leaf cluster, Joint Service Achievement Medal with oak-leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal with three oak-leaf clusters, Expert Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab and British Commando flash. He is the recipient of the Civil Affairs regiment Gold Winfield Scott Award and Army Aviation regiment Honorable Order of Saint Michael.

Brig. Gen. Irizarry is a native of Long Island, N.Y., and a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University where he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. He has served in myriad command and staff positions from platoon through the department of the U.S. Army in both the reserve and active components. Besides his professional military education, he holds a Masters in Public Administration from Golden Gate University.

In his free time, he is the Executive Vice President of the Patriot Foundation, member of the USO of North Carolina Fort Bragg Advisory Committee, and the Vice President of the US Army JFK Special Warfare Museum Association.

Brig. Gen. Irizarry is married and has two children.