

HONORARY COLONEL OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS REGIMENT



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

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Brigadier General Ferdinand Irizarry was born in Long Island, New York. Upon graduation from Johns Hopkins University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry in 1981.

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 U.S. Army Special Operations Forces Proponent and Chief, Civil Affairs/Civil-Military Operations training and doctrine development. He served on tours for contingency operations in Bosnia, Kosovo and Afghanistan with joint and multi-national units.

In August 2010, Irizarry served as the Deputy Commanding General for the United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, the United States Army 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.

In June 2013, 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 United States 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.

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 General Winfield Scott Award and the Army Aviation Regiment Honorable Order of Saint Michael. Besides his professional military education, he holds a Masters of Arts in Public Administration from Golden Gate University.

Brig. Gen. Irizarry retired in August 2015 after a 36 year career. Since his retirement, he has continued to serve as the Executive Vice President of the Patriot Foundation, is a member of the USO of North Carolina Fort Bragg Advisory Committee and as the Vice President of the U.S. Army JFK Special Warfare Museum Association.