

Maria L. Britt
Major General (Retired) USA

Major General (retired) Maria Britt served as Commanding General of Georgia's 11,000 Army National Guard soldiers from 2007 to 2011. General Britt led at various levels of command and staff over her 28 year career spanning both active duty and Guard service. In 2014, Gen Britt was awarded the 4th highest military award, the Distinguished Service Medal, for her leadership as commanding general.



As a native of Gloversville N.Y., she commissioned as a Second Lieutenant from the United States Military Academy, West Point NY in 1983 as a part of the fourth graduating class with women. General Britt holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in General Engineering and a Master of Science Degree in Strategic Intelligence from the Joint Military Intelligence College, Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C. She is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA and earned a second Master's Degree in Strategic Studies. Her military education includes Military Police and Military Intelligence Officer Courses, the U.S. Army Jungle Warfare School (Panama), and numerous Defense Support to Civil Authorities and Homeland Defense Courses.

In early 2012, Gen Britt joined Kennesaw State University (KSU) as the Associate Vice President for Operations. She had direct oversight for Finance Services, Project Management, Auxiliary Services, and Environmental Health and Safety. She served as chairperson for the University Safety Council and the Public Health Advisory Council. Ms. Britt supported the Vice President for Operations in the areas of human resources, facilities and construction, information technology, public safety, and emergency management.

As an advocate for veteran and women issues, Gen Britt founded and presided over Georgia's first chapter of Women in Defense (WID GA) supporting women in all sectors of the defense industry. She's a Homestead Hospice volunteer, visiting veterans in North Georgia and serves on advisory boards for Senator Isakson's West Point Nomination Committee, the Shepherd Spinal Center, KSU's Women Leadership Center, Warrior2Citizen, Women Veteran Social Justice, and Georgians Advancing Veteran Education (GAVE). She taught as a guest lecturer in leadership for the KSU Executive MBA program and is currently writing a book about her journey to inspire others through the minefields of life.

General Britt currently resides in Blairsville, Georgia and has three daughters, Ava (31), Chelsea (27), Joy (19) and two grandsons.