



Brigadier General
James C. McConville '77
Deputy Commanding General (Support) 101st Airborne Division

As a recent *Patriot Ledger* article notes, for the past year, one of the faces and voices for the American military mission in Afghanistan has been a Quincy native, Brigadier General James C. McConville '77. As deputy commander for the Army's 101st Airborne Division and NATO forces there, he has been quoted everywhere from our own TV networks to the *Pakistan Daily Times*, often on U.S. efforts to peacefully develop the country and prevent the Taliban's Islamic militants from taking control once again. Now back in the U.S., BG McConville has resumed his role as deputy base commander at Fort Campbell (Kentucky), the 101st Airborne's home base, while he awaits his next overseas assignment. He finished a 15-month tour of duty in Afghanistan last month.

After his graduation from Archbishop Williams High School, BG McConville attended the United States Military Academy and later earned a M.S. in aerospace engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He was attending Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government as a colonel when terrorists attacked the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. After completing the Senior Service College at Harvard, BG McConville commanded the 4th brigade of the 1st Cavalry from 2002-2005 in Iraq, flying hundreds of combat missions as fighting with Iraqi insurgents escalated. More recently, BG McConville served as the Executive Officer to Vice Chief of Staff of the Army from 2005 to 2007.

In 2008, he was Fort Campbell's deputy commander when the 101st Airborne was sent to Afghanistan. There BG McConville spent most of his time in charge of development programs, everything from new roads and schools to agricultural projects. BG McConville is a master army aviator qualified in the OH-58 Kiowa Warrior, the AH-64D Longbow Apache, the AH-6, AH-1 Cobra and others and his awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (OLC), the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (2OLC), Air Medals (2), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (3OLC), the Combat Action Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, Master Army Aviator Badge, Air Assault Badge, Parachutist Badge and others.

He lives in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, with his wife, Maria, and three children