



### ***The Star-Spangled Banner***

*O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,  
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

### ***Pledge of Allegiance***

*"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the  
republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and  
justice for all."*

The "Pledge of Allegiance" of the United States is an oath of loyalty to the national flag and the republic of the United States of America. It was originally composed by Francis Bellamy in 1892. The Pledge was modified in 1954, adding the words "under God."

### ***God Bless America*** *by Irving Berlin*

*God bless America, land that I love  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with the light from above*

*From the mountains to the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam  
God bless America, my home sweet home  
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## **CAPE FEAR CHAPTER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION of AMERICA**



*"Never Stop Serving"*

### ***2022 Annual General Membership Meeting***



***Major General Brian J. Mennes***  
***Deputy Commanding General, XVIII Airborne Corps***  
***Keynote Speaker***

*Iron Mike Conference Center  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina  
November 19, 2022*

## *Biography*

### **Major General Brian J. Mennes**

*Deputy Commanding General, XVIII Airborne Corps*

*MG Brian Mennes was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry in May 1988 from the United States Military Academy at West Point with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering.*

*MG Mennes first duty assignment was as a Platoon Leader and Battalion Logistics Officer in the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Ord, California with service in Panama for Operation Just Cause.*

*MG Mennes served in numerous command and staff positions in the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, the Joint Special Operations Command, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Divisions, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, US Army Cadet Command, and the Department of the Army Staff as Director of Force Management for the Headquarters Department of the Army G-3/5/7. His overseas tours include the Sinai Desert and Korea, as well as ten deployments in support of operations in Panama, Afghanistan, and Iraq.*

*He most recently served as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Resolute Support Mission, North Atlantic Treaty Organization/Deputy Commanding General (Operations), U.S. Forces Afghanistan/Commander, U.S. National Support Element Command – Afghanistan, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Afghanistan. Prior to his current assignment, MG Mennes was Commanding General of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division.*

*His professional military education includes the Infantry Basic and Advanced Courses, US Army Command and General Staff College (Master of Military Arts and Science Degree), Senior Service College Fellowship - Institute of World Politics, and the Joint and Combined Warfighting School.*

*MG Mennes' awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (w/4 bronze oak leaf clusters), Bronze Medal (w/4 bronze oak leaf clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (w/1 silver and 1 bronze oak leaf clusters), Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and Ranger Tab.*

*MG Mennes and his wife Kellie have three children – Ashley, Haley and Jake.*

## *Agenda*

*Reception*

*Call Meeting to Order*

*Posting of Colors\**

*National Anthem\**

*Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag\**

*Invocation\**

*Introduction of New Members and Special Guests*

*Dinner*

*Chapter Business*

*Introduction of Keynote Speaker*

*Speaker's Address*

*God Bless America\**

*Benediction\**

*Retirement of Colors\**

*Adjournment*

*\*Please Stand*