

Brigadier General Roger L. Allen

“Program Director, Michigan Youth ChalleNGe Academy”

Brigadier General Roger L. Allen has been the Director of Michigan Youth ChalleNGe Academy since its inception in 1999. He was instrumental in the initial development of the ChalleNGe Academy and continues to provide dynamic leadership at the state and national level. His foresight and 30 plus years as an educator and leader in Michigan’s educational system enabled him to develop one of the most highly recognized and successful ChalleNGe Programs nation wide.

He is a life long resident of Michigan and currently lives in Mid-Michigan with his wife Ann. He holds a Masters of Arts in Strategic Studies, from the United States Army War College; Masters of Arts in Education from Central Michigan University; and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Michigan State University. He is an adjunct instructor and has helped to develop several training programs at the National ChalleNGe Institute. He is the President of the Board for the Camp Grayling Officer Club. His military education includes The United States Army War College, the United States Army Command & General Staff College, the Army Infantry Officers Advanced Course and numerous other courses.

His military career spans over three decades with the Active Army and Michigan Army National Guard holding numerous leadership positions but most notably: Company Commander; Battalion Commander; Professor Military Science, Central Michigan University; Team Chief, Military Liaison Team, Riga, Latvia; and Deputy Commander Michigan Army National Guard. He retired as a Brigadier General of the Line in 2004.

He has received numerous awards including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Army Achievement Medal.

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