

Judge Michael E. Dunlavey, Major General, United States Army (Retired) was born in Buffalo, New York. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1967 and entered active duty in the Army for four years including overseas assignments in Germany and Vietnam.

After completion of his tour of duty as an Advisor to the Vietnamese, Judge Dunlavey received his Juris Doctor degree from the State University of New York In Buffalo. Judge Dunlavey established a private practice in Pennsylvania, concentrating in complex civil litigation. He also served as an assistant District Attorney and an Assistant Public Defender for Erie County, Pennsylvania. Judge Dunlavey was elected as a judge of the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas for the 6th Judicial District in November, 1999 and was sworn in on January 4, 2000. He has authored a number of precedent setting opinions during his tenure as a strong advocate of the US and Pennsylvania Constitution.

Judge Dunlavey also led the life of a citizen soldier by joining the Army Reserve during law school and he has commanded units at multiple levels including Joint assignments at the National Intelligence Agency level. Upon promotion to Brigadier General he was named Deputy Commanding General of the Army's Intelligence and Security Command. He then served as the Army's Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence and was promoted to Major General, the highest rank possible for a reserve officer. Upon completion of that assignment, he was chosen by NSA Director General Mike Hayden, to be his assistant at the National Security Agency, Fort Meade, Maryland.

Shortly after 9/11, Judge Dunlavey was recalled to active duty. Based upon his unique combat, intelligence and legal background, he was personally chosen by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld in February 2002 to create and establish an interrogation system and center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to house al Qaeda, Taliban and other terrorists from around the world in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. General Dunlavey was tasked with establishing protocols for the lawful gathering of intelligence from some of the most dangerous terrorists in the world, in order to prevent future attacks on the United States. During his tenure thousands of actionable intelligence products were produced. He successfully completed that mission in November of 2002 and returned to the National Security Agency. In August of 2003, he was assigned to the new Terrorism Threat Integration Center at the Central Intelligence Agency as the Associate Director for Homeland Security. He completed that assignment and returned to civilian life in April of 2004.

During the course of his military career, General Dunlavey attended numerous military schools including the Infantry School, Air Ground Operations School, Military Intelligence School, Command and General Staff College, Defense Language Institute and the Army War College. He has also lectured at most of these schools. For his service, he has received many awards and decorations. Including the Army Distinguished Service Medal as well as numerous individual, campaign and service medals.

Throughout his military and civilian careers, Judge Dunlavey maintained an active life in community activities and he continues his intelligence, counterterrorism efforts, consulting with military, governmental and business organizations. He is a leading expert in the evolving battle against cyber-terrorism and has been invited to present at a wide variety of national and international military, security and corporate events. Judge Dunlavey is very active in youth athletics and in a number of organizations which support veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and those which provide training and workforce development services for veterans transitioning from military to civilian life. He has received many civil and business awards and honors for those efforts, to include the National Veterans Advocate of the Year Award and the Distinguished Pennsylvania Award.

However, if you were to ask him, he would say his greatest accomplishment and reward is being blessed with four wonderful children and four grandchildren and one great grandchild.