



## Peter Michael McVey

May 18, 1935 - August 25, 2024

Major General Peter M. McVey (Retired)

Major General McVey passed away Sunday, August 25th. He is survived by his wife of 62 years Adele, their children Erin (Mark) and Peter Jr. (Lisa) and their 4 grandchildren Kasey (Nate) Kylie, Tommy (Rachel) and Madison.

MG Peter McVey's distinguished career of almost 37 years includes command of the 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry and the 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division. Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant from Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, MG McVey's tremendous contributions to the mounted force also include an assignment as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations (G-3) of V Corps, U.S. Army Europe and the 7th Army and several years with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

As the Program Executive Officer for Armored Systems Modernization, MG McVey was the general officer responsible for development testing, production and fielding of the Army Combat Vehicle and the Team Chief who successfully fielded the M1 tank at Fort Hood, Texas and Europe. It was MG McVey who led the change out of M1 Abrams tanks and M1A1 Abrams tanks for M2 Bradleys for M2A2 Bradleys to U.S. forces in Saudi Arabia just before the onset of Desert Storm. These systems would play a vital role in the successful prosecution of the Gulf War.

MG McVey holds a BA in economics from St. John's University and an MS in behavioral science from Newark State College. He is a graduate of the Armor Officer Basic and Armor Officer Advance Courses, Command and General Staff College, and the National War College. His decorations include: The Distinguished Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the General Staff Identification Badge.

MG McVey continued his service to the mounted force in retirement, forging an extensive dialogue with industry and government development and testing communities. He played a key role as an advisor to the Army Science Board, working to establish a requirement for the continued modernization of the Armor Force, and labored without compensation to preserve the production of the M1A2 tank. MG McVey actively supported the U.S. Armor Association as both a member and the Association's Vice President.

Mass of Christian Burial and interment will take place at a later date at Ft. Myer Old Post Chapel and Arlington National Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Ave  
Arlington, VA 22211  
(877) 907-8585

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 28.** 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
[pfh@piercefh.com](mailto:pfh@piercefh.com)  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

# Tribute Wall

SR

“ I met Peter McVey during a bathroom project for his wife Adel. Ive met alot of people in my life as a contractor. peter and Adel never treated me like a contractor they treated me like family. im sorry to hear about Peter McVey passing. Inever got to realy Thank him for what he and his family has done for me before i moved. I hold the highest respect for this family Thank you Peter and Adel McVey love and miss you all ill nevr forget you and your family

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**Shawn Rexroad** - November 22, 2025 at 11:24 PM

GC

“ I served with then Colonel McVey as part of the XM! Training team at Ft. Knox from June, 1980-June, 1981 when I was discharged. During my time I found Colonel McVey to be a great leader and wonderful person. He tried to talk me into re-enlisting and made a very good argument to stay. In the end I decided to leave to go to college. He took very good of the team and made sure we had everything we needed. i am sorry to hear of his passing. He made a lasting impression on my life. RIP

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**Garry Lee Condrey** - September 11, 2025 at 02:59 PM

JW

“ I first got to know Pete when he was a young Lt Col in DARCOM and I was a rookie staffer on the House Armed Services Committee. He was "Mr Inside" and I was "Mr Outside" and together we collaborated to steer the tank through the perils of Congressional review and approval. After his retirement, Pete joined my consulting firm and worked with me until his 5 year "quarantine" period was over and he could work directly for General Dynamics to develop foreign customers in Saudi Arabia and Turkey and elsewhere. I am reminded of the words of the Scottish poet, Thomas Campbell: "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

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**Justus P White** - February 08, 2025 at 05:20 PM

TN

“ I was a bone head 2nd Lt. when Gen McVey took over the 1st Brigade, 3rd ID. Even though a bird colonel is like God to a butter bar, then Col McVey always treated me with respect, though none deserved! I had the privilege of leading a platoon of M-1s for the 1st appearance in the Canadian Army Trophy competition in '83, and all three platoons demonstrated the value of the weapon system he brought into the ranks. Thank you MG McVey.

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**Tim Nitz** - January 09, 2025 at 08:58 AM

MD

“ A great loss. Colonel Pete (no disrespect, General) and I had long talks about what kind of tank would be the most destructive and scare the xxxx out of the enemy. I told him a tank that could go fifty miles and hour, biggest accurate main gun, deflective armor. On my leaving the 7th Cavalry, Col Pete gave me a letter recommending me to investigate and apply for a commission via Officers Candidate School. My thoughts and prayers to the family.

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**Michael D. Dacus** - December 05, 2024 at 12:01 AM



“ *Ill was the Automotive Team Chief with the M1 NETT team under MG McVey. He was a great leader, mentor and optimist. He had already looked into the future for the M1 tank which, through his enormous leadership, guidance and vision became a reality. I last saw him at the Saudi Army Headquarters in Riyadh in 1992. I know he will be missed by all who have been touched by this excellent US Army Officer. Allons MG McVey, see you at Fiddlers Green.*

*Fred D Ayers  
CWO4 Retired*

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**Fred Ayers** - September 12, 2024 at 08:26 PM

JC

“ *I was so privileged to know General McVey in so many capacities and for so many years. He was my boss and task master, my mentor through some important and difficult times, and we became friends. He was truly a great leader and General. His positive impact on the Army will endure for many more years. My wife, Judy, and I send our thoughts and prayers to Adele and the entire McVey family. We know they miss him so much. Sincerely, John Caldwell, LTG, US Army (Retired)*

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**John Caldwell** - September 12, 2024 at 11:57 AM

DD

“ *I was honored to be General McVey's driver when he was commander of the 3rd Squadron 7th Cavalry--Garry Owen in Schweinfurt, Germany in 1974-75.  
My condolences. Dennis Dop, 1SGT (Ret)*

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**Dennis Dop** - September 09, 2024 at 09:04 PM

RR

“ I was very blessed to have served with this great leader. I served as his novice on the M1 fielding team, and his thoughts were always to accomplish the mission, and look out for the welfare of his soldiers. MG McVey always lead by example, and instilled this attitude in his subordinates. He will be missed by the military and all that knew him.

Rex V Kinney (SGM Ret) - September 02, 2024 at 11:12 PM

EM

“ 259 files added to the album General McVey



Erin Martino - August 31, 2024 at 08:38 PM

LG

“ I served with this great leader in many assignments. He always displayed a genuine concern for the soldiers he mentored. He was committed to excellence and the army. Major General McVey will be sorely missed by all who was ever associated with him. Rest in Peace my friend.

Len Grasso - August 30, 2024 at 08:59 PM

RH

“ I served under General McVey when he was the chief of the M1 NETT team at Ft. Knox. He was the finest boss I ever had. The world is a much poorer place without him in it.

Ralph Hill - August 29, 2024 at 03:32 PM

KM

“ Thoughts and prayers to all of you. He was a great man.  
Kathy Martino

Kathy Martino - August 28, 2024 at 07:24 PM

EM

“ 57 files added to the album General McVey



Erin Martino - August 28, 2024 at 02:23 PM