



LTC Alissa A. McKaig is a native of Westmont, NJ. She graduated from James Madison University, Harrisonburg VA with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish and received her commission from the Reserve Officer Training Program (ROTC) in 2000. Currently, she is assigned as the Professor of Military Science for the Army ROTC Program at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

Commissioned in Aviation, McKaig's first operational assignment was at Fort Hood, Texas where she served as Company Executive Officer and Platoon Leader, 2nd Battalion, 4th Aviation Regiment, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized). She deployed with the unit to Iraq in March of 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. After this tour, McKaig served in Yongsan, South Korea as the G3 Aviation Plans and Operations Officer for the Eighth U.S. Army. Upon returning to the United States, McKaig was assigned to Fort Rucker, AL where she served as the S-1 for 1-13th Aviation Regiment. She later commanded B Company, 210th Aviation Regiment, the only US Army aviation company which provided aviation maintenance training in Spanish to Latin American partner nations.

After command, McKaig earned her Master's Degree in Spanish from the University of Texas at San Antonio. She then served as Spanish Desk Chief and Instructor of Spanish at the United States Military Academy at West Point for three years. She later returned to Fort Rucker, AL where she served as Battalion Operations Officer for 1-212th Aviation Regiment and later as the Brigade Executive Officer for the 110th Aviation Brigade.

Major McKaig's military education includes the Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course, Aviation Officer Basic Course, the Aviation Captain's Career Course, the UH-60 Instructor Pilot Course and the U.S Army Command and General Staff College.

Her military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terror Expeditionary and Service Medals, and the Korean Defense Service Medal. She has also been awarded the Senior Army Aviator Badge.

Major McKaig is married to CW4 (R) Boone McKaig of Murray, Utah. Together, they have three children, Elena, age 6, and Mia, age 4, and Garrett, 8 months.