

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

11:00 AM, 12 MARCH 2009, MCALISTER FIELD HOUSE

LTG BENJAMIN C. FREAKLEY

Commanding General

U.S. Army Accession Command



Lieutenant General Benjamin C. Freakley assumed command of U.S. Army Accessions Command (AAC), Fort Monroe, Virginia, on 18 May 2007. AAC consists of U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, KY; U.S. Army Cadet Command, Fort Monroe, VA.; and U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Jackson, SC. Additionally, General Freakley exercises Department of the Army directed executive agent authority over the Military Entrance Processing Command. He also serves as Deputy Commanding General for Initial Military Training (IMT), U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia. As commander of AAC, General Freakley is responsible for integrated command, control, and coordination of the Army's officer, warrant officer, and enlisted Accessions process from initial contact through completion of IMT. He is responsible for meeting Accessions goals for officer and enlisted personnel, managing and conducting Recruiting

operations, developing IMT policy, developing direct commission and appointment policy, and overseeing IMT programs.

General Freakley is from Woodstock, Virginia. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1975 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Regular Army. He has a Masters of Military Art and Science Degree in Operations. His military schooling includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, British Long Armor/Infantry Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, School of Advanced Military Studies, and the Army War College.

During his career General Freakley has served at all levels of command to include commanding the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry; the 3d Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division; as the Commander Operations Group, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, CA; as the Assistant Division Commander (Support) for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, KY. He also served as the Assistant Division Commander (Operations) for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. Additionally he was the Commanding General, U.S. Army Infantry Center/Commandant, U.S. Army Infantry School and Chief of Infantry; the Commanding General, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) at Fort Drum, NY and the Commanding General, Combined/Joint Task Force-76, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan from February 2006 to February 2007. His key staff assignments include Deputy Chief of Staff, III Corps at Fort Hood; Deputy Director for Operations, National Military Command Center, J3, The Joint Staff; Deputy Director for Joint Warfighting Capabilities Assessment, J8, on The Joint Staff.

General Freakley's military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (with OLC), Defense Superior Service Medal (with OLC), Legion of Merit (with two OLCs), Bronze Star (with "V" device), Bronze Star (with OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (with nine OLCs), Army Commendation Medal (with "V" device), Army Achievement Medal, State Department Meritorious Honor Award, NATO Meritorious Service Medal, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Combat Action Badge, Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge.

