



Colonel Kevin A. McAninch became the Director, Army Strategic Education Program July 2017. He has served for over 27 years as an active duty officer and his previous assignment was at the United States Military Academy as the Regimental Tactical Officer.

Col. McAninch is a 1994 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in American Politics.

McAninch has deployed to combat operations in Iraq twice and Afghanistan, and peace-enforcement (Bosnia.) He has experience at the strategic, operational and tactical levels. He has vast experience with joint, interagency, intergovernmental and multi-national operations.

His staff assignments include working with the Department of State in Iraq and Honduras and multiple operations, intelligence, and planning experiences, both in education and in practice. He has served as the Deputy Director for the USF-I Commanding General's Initiatives Group, as an aide de camp to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence Center.

He holds three masters degrees: Administration from Central Michigan University; Military Arts and Sciences from the School of Advanced Military Studies, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; and National Security Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

He is also a published author, writing on Leadership: "How the Army's Multi-Source Assessment and Feedback Program Could Become a Catalyst for Leader Development"; "Building a High Performing Unit: An Army Battalion's Leadership Journey in Preparation for Combat in Afghanistan"; and "Clare & Me: A Mentor's Story."

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal.

McAninch and his wife Chely have three children. Their son David (32) graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 2011 and works in the computer industry in Broomfield, Colorado. They also have two beautiful daughters; Katie (19), who is a sophomore at the College of the Holy Cross, and Emily (17), who is an avid golfer.