



## BG (RET) Rosetta Y. Burke

General Rosetta Y. Burke was promoted to Brigadier General (BG) and federally recognized on 28 July 1995.

She is the first woman general in the 200 plus year history of the New York Army National Guard. She is the first female Assistant Adjutant General of New York State and of the Army National Guard.

She was named State Director of the Selective Service System for New York in 1997 and served in that position through 2013.

She received her diploma (RN) from Harlem Hospital School of Nursing in 1957, Bachelor of Science (Nursing) (BSN) from Adelphi University in 1970, and Masters of Professional Studies (MPS) from C. W. Post Center, Long Island University in 1975.

She retired as Superintendent (Warden) from the New York State Department of Correctional Services in October 1992.

BG (Ret) Burke entered the US Army Reserves as First Lieutenant in 1962 and served through January 1993 reaching the rank of Colonel. She joined the New York Army National Guard in February 1993. She was promoted to Brigadier General (BG) and Federally recognized on 28 July 1995. She retired in 1997, culminating a military career of 35 years of service, and received the brevet promotion to Major General.

She is also an honorary member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

A former nurse, Burke is the President and founder of the Black Military Women Foundation. A Chartered Life member of the National Association of Black Military Women (elected president serving in that position from 2003 to 2008), a life member of the: Reserve Officers Association, Military Officers Association, Association for the Military Surgeons of the United States, National Guard Association of the United States, 369th Veterans Assn., Inc., Alumni Association of the United States Army War College (USAWC), Langley High School Alumni, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, New York State Minorities in Criminal Justice.

She has one son and one grandson