



**New York Guard Commander
Stephen A. Bucaria
Brigadier General, New York Guard**

Stephen A. Bucaria has participated with the New York Guard in support of Legal Affairs missions since 1996 and was commissioned as a Major in August 1997. He served as a JAG with Detachment A of the Civil and Military Affairs Unit, and was promoted to LTC in January 1999.

When New York Guard Civil Affairs Units were reorganized in 2001, LTC Bucaria became acting commander of the 13th Regiment, a new unit consisting of JAG and Civil Support Officers in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Following the World Trade Center disaster, LTC Bucaria and the 13th Regiment were deployed to provide security and communications assistance to armories in New York City and in logistics support for the SEMO warehouse on Long Island.

LTC Bucaria was promoted to Colonel in February 2002 and named Commander of the 13th Regiment. During this period, the 13th Regiment provided legal assistance to National Guard, Army Reserve and Marine Units, who were gearing up to be deployed for Homeland Security and overseas missions.

In July 2002, COL Bucaria was selected to serve as Acting Commander of the 54th Civil Affairs Brigade and was responsible for organizing the first consolidated Annual Training for the Brigade, incorporating MOS and military training.

COL Bucaria was assigned as Deputy Commander for Support for Army Division, New York Guard in October 2002. While serving in that capacity, he assisted the Commander in producing the current Meritocracy program, which guides the careers of New York Guard members. He was promoted to Brigadier General on 17 November 2003.

In March 2005, BG Bucaria was selected to serve as Commander, Army Division and reorganized New York Guard MOS and Professional Development Schools into the 12th Regimental Training Institute. On 17 June 2006 the NYG was reorganized to one Headquarters. BG Bucaria was reassigned in the new consolidated Headquarters as Deputy Commander of the New York Guard.

Military Awards, Decorations and Certificates:

- NYS Meritorious Service Medal

- NYS Long and Faithful Service
- NYS Defense of Liberty Medal
- NYS Recruiting Medal
- NYG Meritorious Service Medal
- NYG Commendation Medal
- New York Guard Service Ribbon
- Unit Certificate of Commendation, USMC Parris Island for Legal Assistance 02/02/96
- Letter of Appreciation, CO C, 1BN. 69th INF, pre-mobilization assistance 12/05/97
- Commendation Certificate, CMA Det, for Legal Support and Family Assistance to 1569 Transportation CO, 360 REGT, 206 BN 04/17/99
- Letter of Commendation, 53D Troop Command, for Legal Assistance 06/11/99
- Certificate of Commendation, 2nd Bn, 25th USMCR, for Legal Assistance 01/19/02
- Letter of Recognition for Services Rendered, AT 2002 10/30/02

Civilian Experience:

Following graduation from Fairfield University, General Bucaria joined the staff of New York State Senator, John R. Dunne, who was then the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Crime and Corrections. While on the Senator's staff, he assisted in the research and data preparation of the precedent setting, Tombs Report. Concurrently, he received his Master of Arts Degree (MA) from SUNY Albany.

In 1972, General Bucaria was appointed as a visiting Professor of Sociology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, teaching undergraduate and graduate level courses.

Upon the completion of his teaching assignment in Edmonton, General Bucaria rejoined the staff of Senator John R. Dunne as a Legislative Assistant. In 1976, he graduated from the Hofstra University School of Law, was admitted to the New York State Bar for the practice of Law and accepted a position as an Assistant District Attorney for Nassau County.

In 1979, General Bucaria entered private practice until accepting a position as Law Secretary for Hon. Gabriel Kohn, New York State Court of Claims in 1989, later serving as Law Secretary to Hon. Angelo D. Roncallo, Justice of the Supreme Court, from 1990-1993. General Bucaria was elected to the District Court in 1993 and served there until his election, in 1995, to the Supreme Court of the State of New York where he currently serves.

BG Bucaria is the recipient of the following civilian awards:

He is active in the following:

- Irish in Government
- Friendly Sons of St. Patrick
- Colombian Lawyers Association
- Catholic Lawyers Guild
- Fourth Degree - Knights of Columbus
- Eucharistic Minister, St. Joseph's Parish, Garden City, NY.
- State Guard Association of the United States (SGAUS)
- New York Guard Association
- CERT (Nassau County Community Emergency Response Team)

General Bucaria resides on Long Island, NY with his wife Elizabeth.