

Brian L. Tarbet

Brian L. Tarbet, Major General (Ret), has served his country and the state of Utah in varying capacities since beginning his career as both a member of the United States Army and as a lawyer.

His military career spanned nearly 40 years, culminating with General Tarbet's service as Adjutant General of Utah from 2000-2012. During this time, he was responsible for 7,500 Soldiers and Airmen of the Utah National Guard. He formerly served on the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee of the Secretary of the Army.

During his service in the Army as a career intelligence officer, General Tarbet received many accolades and honors, including the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and Armed Forces Reserve Medal. Tarbet has also been recognized by the State of Utah for his service and has been awarded the Utah Medal of Merit, Utah Joint Staff Medal of Merit, Utah Achievement Ribbon, State Partnership Award and Utah Service Ribbon. Internationally, Tarbet has been awarded the Wissam al-Istihkak al-Askari (Order of Military Merit) by the Kingdom of Morocco.

Now retired from the Army, General Tarbet was appointed as General Counsel in the Utah Attorney General's office in January 2013. He brought more than 20 years of legal experience to that position, including prior service in the Utah Attorney General's office as the division chief of the Tax and Revenue Division. During that time, General Tarbet was honored as Tax Practitioner of the Year in 1998 by the Tax Section of the Utah State Bar. From 2015 to 2017, Tarbet and his wife Mary served a church service mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Germany. He returned to the office as Chief Civil Deputy in April 2017.

General Tarbet is a Utah State University graduate, having earned a BA in political science with business administration and German in 1973. He furthered his education at the University of Utah where he earned a Juris Doctorate. He was a National Security Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University from 1998-1999.

General Tarbet's wife, Mary, is a USU alumna who graduated in special education in 1977. The couple has five children and fourteen grandchildren.