

# Stall promoted to Major General

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**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** - Maj. Gen. Robert P. Stall, commanding general of the 108<sup>th</sup> Training Command (IET) received his second star in a ceremony held here Feb. 5 at the Hilton Charlotte Center City.

Command Sgt. Maj. William Payne, senior enlisted advisor to the 108<sup>th</sup> Training Command (IET) and Stall's wife Nancy watched as Lt. Gen. Jack C. Stultz, Chief of the Army Reserve and commanding general of U.S. Army Reserve Command, affixed the two-star rank on Stall's ACU jacket. Nancy then handed Stall his new beret adorned with two stars. Stultz, a former member 108<sup>th</sup> Training Division, then issued the oath of office to Stall.

"What I want the audience to understand is how special this is, you see it takes a lot to become a general officer in the Army Reserve," said Stultz. He added, "Today we have about 206,000 Soldiers in the Army Reserve, a pretty sizable force, and I'm authorized 115 general officer positions. There's not a whole lot of space at the top. As an officer you have to be pretty elite to get to that level."

Also present at the ceremony was Brig. Gen. Dwayne Edwards, commanding general, 98<sup>th</sup> Training Division (IET), Maj. Gen. (retired) Charles "Skip" McCartney, former commanding general, 108<sup>th</sup> Training Command (IET), Ms. Mary Davidson, special guest of the Stall family and more than 450 Soldiers and Family members from the 98<sup>th</sup> Training Division (IET) who came to Charlotte, N.C., for a Yellow Ribbon Program event for Soldiers deploying in support of Task Force Scorpion.

Ironically, Stall was the commanding general of the 98<sup>th</sup> Training Division (IET) based in Rochester, N.Y. before he assumed command of the 108<sup>th</sup> on June 5, 2010.

Stall said he has had great coaches, teachers and mentors during the course of his military career and coaches, teachers and mentors are incredibly important.

"All of us need to mentor that next generation coming up, those folks need our help, our guidance our teaching and our leadership," said Stall.

When not in uniform, Stall serves as president of Medina General Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, where he oversees staff and operations for the medical center. Stall has held various jobs with the Cleveland Clinic Regional Health System for almost 30 years.

Stall reflected back on his military career and gave credit to his family and friends for the support he has received over the years.

"It's been a great journey, I've been in now for 33 years and I can think of nothing I'd rather do. It's about being with Soldiers and it's my honor to be here with you and it will always be my honor to serve on behalf of you and serving as the commander of the 108<sup>th</sup> Training Command," said Stall.

CUTLINES:

OATH:

Lt. Gen. Jack C. Stultz, Chief of the Army Reserve and commanding general of U.S. Army Reserve Command administers the oath of office to Maj. Gen. Robert P. Stall, commanding general, 108<sup>th</sup> Training Command (IET) on Feb. 5, 2010 at the Hilton Charlotte Center City, Charlotte, N.C. *Photo by Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Marty A. Collins, 108<sup>th</sup> Training Command (IET) Public Affairs.*