

DOMINIC J. CARACCILO

CLASS OF 1980



DOMINIC J. CARACCILO is a 1980 graduate of Mynderse Academy High School where he lettered in Football, Wrestling, and Lacrosse. He was the team captain for each sport. As a 3 year starter as a lacrosse goal keeper, Caraccilo ended his career with 622 saves (66%). Football running back for 2 years (breaking his arm first game senior year) Caraccilo ran for 449 yards (5.1 a carry) with 7 touchdowns his junior year. As a four year wrestler, Caraccilo placed 2nd in the Sectional Class A Tournament and Semi-Finalist in New York State Qualifiers his junior and senior year. Over his

career, Caraccilo placed in several tournaments to include: 1st place Waterloo and Midlakes; 2nd place in Cato-Meridian and 3rd in Oswego, Midlakes and Waterloo (2 years). Caraccilo ended his career with an overall record of 65-30.

He went on to play collegiate sports at the US Military Academy at West Point (1980-1984) and was a second team All-American for the NCAA Sprint football team which went undefeated and national champions his senior year. Caraccilo was also a collegiate wrestler, lacrosse player and a member of the Judo Team. As a coach, Caraccilo was the head receiver coach for West Point from 1993-1996. During that time the team won the national championship twice. He was an assistant JV Lacrosse coach and Wrestling Officer Representative during his professor tenure at the US Military Academy at West Point in the mid-1990s. Caraccilo currently is the Chief Operating Officer for Security Solutions & Management LLC. He was most recently the Director for IT Operations at Facebook and a regional director for Amazon.com. His first post-retirement position was as a consultant for the United Arab Emirates Land Forces leading their training and readiness transformation process.

Caraccilo served for over 27 years as an officer and was selected for Brigadier General and retired in 2011. Beginning his junior officer career in the 8th Infantry in Mainz, West Germany he then held a number of assignments to include two commands in the 82nd Airborne Division. He was also an assistant professor for

Systems Engineering at West Point. He has 65 months of combat over 7 combat tours. In combat he commanded an 82nd Airborne Company in Desert Storm, a 173rd Airborne battalion in combat parachute assault in Northern Iraq and a 101st Airborne brigade combat team in South Baghdad. He was also the operations officer for the 101st Airborne Northern in Iraq and the Executive Officer for the 75th Rangers in Afghanistan during the initial assault in OEF in 2001. He served as the Executive Officer to General Ray Odierno for USF-I in Baghdad before serving in his final assignment as the Deputy Commanding General for the 101st Airborne Division and Acting Senior Commander of Fort Campbell.

Caraccilo attended the US Naval War College receiving an MA in National Security and Strategic Studies. He also has a Master of Engineering from Cornell University in Operations Research and Industrial Engineering. He is a graduate of the War College, Marine Corps and Army Staff Colleges. He is currently attending Cal University matriculating a Doctorate for Business Administration (DBA), Global Economy and Leadership.

He is the author of a number of books and commercial and professional articles to include: *Beyond Guns and Steel: A War Termination Strategy* (2011); *Achieving Victory in Iraq: Countering an Insurgency* (2008), *Surviving Bataan and Beyond* (1999 and 2005) and author for the two volume set, *The Faces of Victory* (1995), and *The Ready Brigade* (1993).

Caraccilo's awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit,, Bronze Star with V Device for valor, Bronze Star Medal (4th award), Meritorious Service Medal (5th award), Joint Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (3rd award), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation (3rd award) National Defense Service Medal (2nd award), Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal with Arrowhead, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (5th award), Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze service star, Saudi Arabia-Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal Oder of Ste Maurice, Order of Ste Barbara, Combat Infantryman's Badge (second award), Expert Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge with combat jump star and Air Assault Badge.

He is married to the former Karen Gleason for 29 years and together they have three children; Lieutenant Robert Caraccilo, 25, who is an aviator in the 3rd Infantry Division and Jacob and Jenna, 21, who are college students in Tennessee.