



260th MP Brigade



213th ASG



Camp Salerno, Afghanistan



Platte Boyd Moring III
Lieutenant Colonel U.S. Army Reserves
10 June 1979 – 15 March 2005



Platte was born on 27 May 1957 in Radford, Virginia. In 1967, his family moved to Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Emmaus High School in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, in 1975. During his junior and senior years in high school, he was Editor-in-Chief of “E-Hive,” the school newspaper. He was a Reporter for the former Emmaus Free Press from 1973-1977. After high school Platte attended Princeton University, where he entered the Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC). He graduated from Princeton on 10 June 1979 with a BA Degree in Politics, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Army Reserves, in the Army Judge Advocate General’s (JAG) Corps. He then continued his studies at the London School of Economics in London, England, for one year, where he earned an MS Degree in Economics, followed by three years at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, from which he graduated in 1983 with a JD/Law Degree. Platte worked as a Law Clerk for the U.S. Court of International Trade in New York City (June 1983-May 1984); Trial Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice (June 1984-October 1989) in Washington, D.C.; and an Associate for Gross, McGinley, LaBarre & Eaton Law Firm in Allentown, Pennsylvania, (November 1989-July 1991) before joining the Allentown office of White and Williams LLP as an Associate in August 1991. He became a full Partner at White and Williams in January 1999. Platte served Stateside as a National Guard Officer in the Army Reserve Control Group in the Individual Ready Reserve as a Military Police (MP) Platoon Leader (June 1979-September 1985); the 260th Military Police Brigade, District of Columbia, as Judge Advocate (October 1985-October 1989); and the 213th Area Support Group (ASG), Pennsylvania, in Allentown as Judge Advocate (November 1989-June 1995), Deputy Staff Judge Advocate (July 1995-August 1998), and Command Judge Advocate (September 1998-February 2003). He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on 14 May 1999. On 15 March 2003, the 213th ASG was mobilized for active duty for Operation Enduring Freedom in the war against terrorism. The 213th ASG was sent to Fort Dix, New Jersey, for three months and on 20 June 2003 flew to Afghanistan, where they served for a year at bases in Bagram, Kabul, Kandahar, and Camp Salerno — a Forward Operating Base near Khost, close to the border with Pakistan. They also served in Karshi-Khanabad in Uzbekistan. Platte continued as Command Judge Advocate while on active duty and, while in Afghanistan, he assisted in writing the new Constitution for Afghanistan. While Platte was at Fort Dix awaiting transfer overseas, he began keeping journals of his experiences and, while overseas, he used his free time to write a book based on his journals. The book, *Honor First: A Citizen Soldier in Afghanistan*, was published in October 2006. Platte returned from overseas on 1 May 2004. He retired from the Army Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel on 14 March 2005. Platte became a member of the American and Pennsylvania Bar Associations, Allentown Rotary Club, Honorary First Defenders, and Faith Presbyterian Church. Platte married **Susan Downs Moomaw** (born 14 February 1958) on 27 June 1987 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. They lived in Alexandria, Virginia, from 1987 to 1989, in South Whitehall Township, Pennsylvania, from 1989 to 1999, and then settled in Lower Macungie Township. They have two children: **Leigh Monroe Moring** and **William Platte Boyd Moring**. Platte’s parents were **Platte Boyd Moring Jr.** (born 27 September 1928), who served in the Army in Germany for two years after World War II, and **Helen Burt Mauney** (5 September 1925 – 5 June 1985), who was Supervisor, Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth. Platte’s paternal grandfather, **Platte Boyd Moring Sr.**, enlisted in the Navy in World War I, and his maternal grandfather, **Theron Burt Mauney**, served as an Army officer during World War II.