

Brigadier General Thomas H. MANCINO

Class of 1998

Brigadier General Thomas H. Mancino is a true American hero.

Known as Tommy to friends, associates and classmates, Mancino now holds the distinction of being a Great Graduate from the Class of 1998.

Following high school, Mancino earned a B.A. degree in political science from Oklahoma State University and M.B.A. and Juris Doctorate degrees from Oklahoma University. For 10 years, he served as associate dean of the northeast campus of Tulsa Community College before accepting a fellowship to attend Harvard's Kennedy School of International Studies.

Mancino first became involved in the military when he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the ROTC at Oklahoma State and held dual responsibilities as an educator and Guardsman.

One of his first full-time military assignments was in the 1st Battalion,

179th Infantry Regiment, which happened to be the same unit as his brother, Chris, who served as a supply sergeant, and his father, General Tom Mancino, who commanded it in Afghanistan. In 2003, he once again served under his father who commanded the 45th Infantry Brigade during its deployment in Afghanistan. Along with these two deployments, he served a year-long combat tour in Iraq.

The senior Mancino, who became president of the board for the Oklahoma Military History Center in Broken Arrow, said he was proud of his son's accomplishments despite the extra scrutiny he received as a general's son.

Military officials obviously agreed and promoted him to the rank of general in 2019. Making that event extra special was the fact it marked the first time a familial legacy of general officers had ever happened in the Oklahoma Army National Guard.

