

Colonel Miyako Schanely has served in the U.S. Army for 25 years. Commissioned as an Engineer officer upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1986, she completed tours of duty in construction units in Germany and Panama. Her 3-year assignment in Panama was especially rewarding, as it included humanitarian construction projects throughout Panama, well projects in Uruguay and Belize, as well as a road project in Honduras.

Switching to the U.S. Army Reserve in 1993, Colonel Schanely has served with a variety of training units, including command of the 2-313th Regiment (Logistics Support) at Fort Drum; the 6th Brigade, 98th Division (Professional Development) in Syracuse; and the 3rd Battle Command Training Group at Fort Dix. Most recently, as Chief, Support Division, for the Office of the Program Manager – Facilities Security Forces, she provided essential staff support functions to a strategic partnership with the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Interior and Facilities Security Forces. Colonel Schanely is currently assigned as Chief of Staff of the 416th Theater Engineer Command in Darien, IL.

Colonel Schanely holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management from the U.S. Military Academy, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Rochester, a Master of Arts in Community Economic Development from Southern New Hampshire University, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

In her civilian career, Colonel Schanely is the Executive Director of the State University of New York (SUNY) North Country Consortium, a partnership of seven SUNY campuses that collaborate to bring a variety of degree programs to Fort Drum and the Northern New York community. She and her husband Steve reside in Black River, New York, and have two grown children.