



## **NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU – OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**

### **COLONEL LAWRENCE N. YAZZIE**



Colonel Yazzie is the Director, Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, for the National Guard Bureau (NGB), promoting the Chief of the NGB's vision for a fair and equitable work environment for all military and civilian personnel, embracing the principles for Equal Opportunity, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Diversity & Inclusion in order to recruit, develop and retain talent, resulting in a more competitive and lethal workforce.

Colonel Yazzie graduated from Window Rock High School, Fort Defiance, AZ, which is located on the Navajo reservation. As a recruited athlete, he played four years of Division I basketball and graduated from Cadet Squadron “Tiger” 10. After graduating from the USAF Academy, he spent nearly eight years on active duty and deployed twice to Kyrgyzstan and Kuwait, supporting Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. He joined the Iowa National Guard and commanded the 132nd Communications Flight. While serving as a drill status guardsmen in the Iowa Air National Guard, he worked for Proctor & Gamble as a Process Engineer and Project Manager from 2008 to 2012 and Wells Fargo

Home Mortgage as an Information Technology Project Manager for a year. In 2013, he was the Supervisory Information Technology Specialist, 132d Communications Flight, and served as the Conversion Officer to stand up Iowa’s newest cyber unit. In 2015, he took command of the 168th Cyberspace Operations Squadron, providing defensive cyberspace operations and cybersecurity expertise for US Cyber Command and Combatant Commanders, the State of Iowa and Kosovo State Partner before his current role.

Colonel Yazzie is an outstanding leader with 21 years of experience and 7 years of formal project management in information technology, cybersecurity and manufacturing for the USAF, Iowa National Guard and two Fortune 500 Companies.

#### **EDUCATION**

- 2000 Bachelor of Science degree, Pre-Law, USAF Academy, CO
- 2001 Communications & Information Officer Training, 333d Training Squadron, Keesler AFB, MS
- 2005 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL, in-residence
- 2007 Bachelor of Arts degree, Computer Research & Information Management, Webster University, MO
- 2014 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 2015 Cyber Warfare Operations Training, 39th Information Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, FL
- 2019 Air War College, by correspondence

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1. May 2000 – June 2001, Admissions Advisor, USAF Academy, USAF Academy, CO
2. June 2001 – April 2002, Plans Officer, 56th Communications Squadron, Luke AFB, AZ
3. April 2002 – July 2003, Executive Officer, 56th Operations Group, Luke AFB, AZ
4. July 2003 – August 2004, Network Administration Officer in Charge, 56th Communications Squadron, Luke AFB, AZ
5. August 2004 – July 2006, Test Director – National Polar Orbiting Environmental Satellite System, AF Test & Evaluation Center, Peterson AFB, CO
6. July 2006 – May 2007, Action Officer / Quality Assurance Evaluator, A6, AF Space Command, Peterson AFB, CO
7. May 2007 – July 2008, Acting Commander, 132d Communications Flight, Des Moines ANGB, IA
8. July 2008 – November 2015, Commander, 132d Communications Flight, Des Moines ANGB, IA
9. November 2015 – October 2021, Commander, 168th Cyberspace Operations Squadron, Des Moines ANGB, IA
10. October 2021 – Present, Director, NGB Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Arlington Hall Readiness Center, VA

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Air Force's Meritorious Service Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Commendation Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Achievement Medal (with two Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Meritorious Unit Award (with Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device (with five Oak Leaf Clusters)  
National Defense Service Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Overseas Ribbon (Short)  
Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border (with Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Longevity Service (with three Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Training Ribbon

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant	31 May 2000
First Lieutenant	31 May 2002
Captain	31 May 2004
Major	7 Jun 2008
Lieutenant Colonel	5 Dec 2014
Colonel	18 Oct 2021

(Current as of December 2021)