



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL PETER J. BYRNE

Colonel Peter J. Byrne is the Chief of the Adjutant General of Colorado's Staff, Joint Force Headquarters, as well as, the Director of Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters-Colorado, and has oversight responsibilities for the offices serving the Colorado Army and Air National Guard to include, Judge Advocate General, Public Affairs, Inspector General, Chaplain and Director of Staff-Air supervision of Military Personnel Officer and Assistants. He advises The Adjutant General of Colorado and Assistant Adjutants General for Army and Air on support issues and policies.



Colonel Byrne received his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) upon graduation from the University of Cincinnati in 1984. He joined the Colorado Air National Guard in November 1991 as a traditional guardsman. Colonel Byrne's duties have included squadron scheduler, wing "top gun" officer, assistant flight commander, flight commander, 120th Fighter Squadron Commander, and 140th Wing Vice Commander. He is a command pilot with over 2500 military flying hours, including 1800 hours in the F-16, and more than 145 combat hours flown enforcing the no fly zones over Northern Iraq and, most recently, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

EDUCATION:

1984 Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio
1989 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
1999 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
2006 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. December 1984 – February 1986, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss.
2. March 1986 – April 1986, student, Fighter Lead-in Training, Holloman AFB, N.M.
3. April 1986 – November 1986, student, A-7 Fighter Training, Tucson IAP, Ariz.
4. November 1986 – August 1989, A-7 pilot, 120th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Colorado Air National Guard, Aurora, Colo.
5. August 1989 – August 1990, F-16 pilot, 35th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Kunsan AB, Korea
6. September 1990 – October 1991, air liaison officer, 7th Infantry Division (Light), Fort Ord, Monterey, Calif.
7. October 1991 – November 2004, F-16 pilot, flight commander, 120th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Colorado Air National Guard, Aurora, Colo.
8. November 2004 – October 2006, Commander, 120th Fighter Squadron, Colorado Air National Guard, Aurora, Colo.
9. October 2006 – May 2007, special projects officer, 140th Wing, Colorado Air National Guard, Colo.
10. May 2007 – May 2010, Vice Commander, 140th Wing, Colorado Air National Guard, Aurora, Colo.

11. May 2010 – Present, Chief of the Adjutant General of Colorado’s Staff, Joint Force Headquarters, Colorado National Guard, Centennial, Colo.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 2500 (145 Combat)

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, AT-38, A-7, F-16/C/D

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two “V” devices

Combat Readiness Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Recognition Ribbon (2006 Kolligian Trophy)

National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Forces Expeditionary Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Overseas Short Ribbon

Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with three oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one ‘M’ device

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Air Force Training Ribbon

Colorado Active Service Medal

Colorado State Emergency Ribbon

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