



Colonel Michael J. Pribil, Commander Colorado Army National Guard, Chief of Staff

Colonel Michael J. Pribil serves as the Colorado Army National Guard (COARNG), Chief of Staff (CoS). He is the principal advisor to the COARNG Adjutant General, on all Army matters pertaining to managing and directing the administration, coordination, planning, development, execution, and supervision of all COARNG programs. COL Pribil provides direction and guidance to align the COARNG Staff with the Colorado National Guard vision and federal/domestic operations mission. In addition, COL Pribil is charged with analyzing COARNG military and civilian personnel programs for recruitment, appointment, assignment, and career development of officer, enlisted, technician and civilian personnel to ensure optimum utilization in meeting current service requirements and mobilization capabilities.

Prior to assuming the role of COARNG CoS, Colonel Pribil served as the Commander of the 168th Regiment, Regional Training Institute (RTI), COARNG and was responsible for the Centennial Training Center (CTC), Modular Training Battalion (MTB) which conducts Officer Candidate School (OCS) and Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS), and the Basic Leader Course (BLC) for the One Army School System (OASS).

Colonel Pribil served on T32 orders for a year on the Joint Staff as the J5 coordinating Colorado National Guard support to the State of Colorado during COVID-19. During this time Colonel Pribil was also the commander of the 147th Brigade Support Battalion and the 8th Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and high-yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP), responsible for providing sustainment support to the 169th Field Artillery Brigade and domestic CBRNE response capabilities.

Michael held additional key assignments including senior interagency coordination officer in the US NORAD and NORTHCOM Interagency Coordination Directorate (IC) J9, operations officer for 89th Troop Command, Chief of Operations on the Joint Staff, commander of the Operational Mentor and Liaison Team (OMLT-4), and Support Operations Officer for the 147th BSB. He was activated in support of several of domestic efforts including Joint Staff Chief of Operations during the floods and fires in 2013, he commanded the 3650th Maintenance Company and mobilized them to Louisiana in support of Hurricane Katrina, and other State Emergencies.

Colonel Pribil earned his commission from the COARNG State OCS program, commissioning as a Second Lieutenant in the Quartermaster's Corps. His education includes a Bachelor and Master of Science in Chemistry and is currently a geochemistry PhD student at Colorado School of Mines. His military education includes Primary Leadership Development Course, Quartermaster Officer Basic Course, Ordnance Officer Advance Course, Combined Arms Staff School, Support Operations Course, Command General Staff College, Advanced Operations Course, NATO Logistics Course, Combat Advisors Course, and others. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, NATO Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Gold Star, Combat Action Badge and others.

Colonel Pribil is on an OTOT spending most of his COARNG career as a traditional guardsman and a research chemist at the United States Geological Survey (USGS). He has been married to Cynde for 23 years. They have two children, Michaella a 2023 graduate of SDSU and Gavin a sophomore at Fort Lewis College. They enjoy traveling, skiing and snowboarding, mountain biking and many other outdoor activities.