

Colonel Isaac B. Martinez

Colorado Army National Guard, Chief of Staff



Colonel Isaac B. Martinez serves as the Colorado Army National Guard (COARNG), Chief of Staff (CoS). He is the principal advisor to Colorado Army National Guard (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 Martinez provides direction and guidance to align the COARNG Staff with the Colorado National Guard vision and federal/domestic operations mission.

In addition, COL Martinez 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 COARNG CoS role, COL Martinez spearheaded Army National Guard Digital Reform Strategy: People, Readiness, Modernization, and Process oversight and accountability of information resource management; conduct horizontal / vertical coordination and staff planning, Information Technology (IT) operations management, IT governance, integrated IT architecture, and cybersecurity; and empower network and signal operations.

COL Martinez also served as the Colorado Army National Guard CIO/G-6. His office was the focal point for IT operations both federal and domestic. He has several overseas tours as a Military Police Officer; Operation Joint Forge, Operation Iraqi Freedom & Operation Enduring Freedom. He also participated in several domestic efforts including the response to Columbine High School after the tragic shootings in 1999, supporting the force protection mission to establish airport security immediately following the Sept. 11th attacks in 2001, and led a security detail for the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and guided to New Orleans in 2005. More recently, Colonel Martinez supported response and recovery for the Colorado Department of Transportation Ransomware Cyber Attack. He served as the Liaison Officer to the Incident Command during a significant State cyber response force. Colonel Martinez has worked intensely with Colorado Secretary of State with providing cyber security support during three separate Federal elections.

Colonel Isaac B. Martinez completed his undergrad at the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) and earned his commission in May of 1996 as a Second Lieutenant in the Military Police Corps. His education includes, a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from UNC, a Masters of Education and Human Resources Studies from Colorado State University. His military education includes the Military Police Basic Course, Military Police Advance Course, US Combined Arms and Staff School, and Information Management Systems Manager Course. In 2017 he graduated from the US Army War College with a Master's degree in Strategic Studies.

During his career, he earned numerous awards and decorations, most notably he was chosen to represent the Colorado National Guard at the State of the State Address in Colorado's capitol as a special military attendee and personally recognized by Governor John Hicklenlooper.

Colonel Martinez has been married to his wife Michelle for 20 years and they have two daughters Alexi and Jasmin. His family are avid baseball fans; they have visited 27 Major League Baseball stadiums in the last 10 years.