



Biography

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Dr. Cyril “Mark” Taylor, is an appointed Civilian Senior Executive Highly Qualified Expert (HQE) which is a grade equivalent to the SES. He serves as the Chief Technical Officer, Communications Systems for the United States Special Operations Information Enterprise (SIE) multi-cloud strategy, engagement with industry, academia, as well as fellow U.S. and international government agencies to identify future-innovative technologies for incubation, cybersecurity compliance, and continuous integration & delivery. Additionally, he supports the optimization of acquisition methods, business process improvement, and human capital management in perpetual service to USSOCOM’s 70,000+ global community.



A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Dr. Taylor was commissioned in the U.S. Army in 1993. He served in various branch qualifying roles as a Field Artillery Officer both in the 25th Infantry Division in Oahu, Hawaii and later the 3rd Infantry Division. Prior to his HQE appointment, Dr. Taylor was a Senior Technology Strategist with Microsoft, supporting the Department of Homeland Security through their Digital Transformation efforts and respective cloud journey. His primary technical background has been focused on federal cloud migration, network and data center design and implementation, as well as technical training to include IT certifications, undergraduate and graduate school.

EDUCATION

Military

1994 Field Artillery Officers Basic Course, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
1997 Field Artillery Officers Advanced Course, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
1997 Command and General Staff College, Combined Arms and Services Staff School (CAS3), Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Civilian

1993 Bachelor of Arts, History, minor in English, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia
2008 Master of Science, Information Systems Technology, The George Washington University, Washington, DC
2018 Doctor of Engineering, Engineering Management, The George Washington University, Washington, DC

ASSIGNMENTS

Military

Feb 1994 – Feb 1997, Battery Executive Officer, 3/7 Field Artillery BN, 25th Infantry Division Artillery, Fire Support Officer, 1/8 Field Artillery BN, 25th Infantry Division Artillery

Sep 1997 – Sep 1998, Battalion Fire Support Officer, 1/10 Field Artillery BN, 3BDE, 3rd Infantry Division

Civilian

Dec 1999 – Dec 2000, Systems Administrator, Banyan Worldwide Systems

Feb 2000 – Aug 2006, Senior Network Design Engineer, SMS Data Products Group, Inc

Sep 2006 – Oct 2011, Chief Enterprise Architect, General Dynamics Information Technology

Oct 2011 – Dec 2015, Senior Systems Engineer, EMC²

Jan 2016 – Sep 2021, Senior Account Technology Strategist, Microsoft

DEPLOYMENTS

Jan – May 98: Senior Liaison Officer to 2BDE, 3rd ID, Kuwait, Operation Southern Watch

Jun – Jun 95: Fire Support Officer, 1BDE, 25th ID, Thailand, Operation Cobra Gold

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Military

Army Commendation Medal

Army Achievement Medal with 1 device

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Army Service Ribbon

Civilian

OUSD AT&L, David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award, 2002

General Dynamics Exemplary Leadership Award, 2007

EMC Tech Consultant of the Quarter, 2012, Q3

Microsoft Top Sales Team Award (100%+), 2020, 2017, 2016

BADGES

Airborne

Air Assault

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant 21 May 1993

First Lieutenant 21 May 1995

Captain 21 May 1997

Current as of November 2021