



Biography of ISAAC B. MARTINEZ

Colonel, Colorado Army National Guard

Colonel Isaac B. Martinez began his military career as an ROTC cadet 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 minor in Mexican American Studies, a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice with Emphasis in Sociology 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 Manger Course. In 2017 he graduated from the US Army War College with a Master's degree in Strategic Studies. Colonel Martinez has served his entire career with the Colorado Army National Guard. His early assignments included duties as a platoon leader for the 220th Military Police Company. His first call to action was leading a security detail at Columbine High School after the tragic shootings in 1999. Martinez next served as the Deputy Provost Marshal in Tazar, Hungary during a 9-month deployment to the Balkans, from 1999 to 2000, as part of Operation Joint Forge. Shortly after returning home, he led the Colorado Army National Guard's statewide force protection mission to establish airport security immediately following the Sept. 11th attacks in 2001.

The following year, Martinez was chosen as The Adjutant General's Aide and just over a year later he assumed command of the 220th MP Company and deployed in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. His unit was the first Colorado National Guard to support the war effort as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. His company was part of 16 major initiatives and traversed over 1.1 million miles of enemy terrain without any serious incidents. During this historic deployment, his company captured the infamous Eight of Clubs from the Defense Department's "Most Wanted" deck of cards identifying top Iraqi leaders of that former government. Upon his return from this 13-month deployment, Captain Martinez was assigned as the 891st Troop Command Battalion Logistics Officer (S4). He was recalled to serve as the acting commander of the 220th Military Police Co. in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and guided the company on a 1700 mile convoy to New Orleans in 2005. He later attend his functional area course in Fort Gordon, GA for 27 weeks, completing the Information Management System Manager course.

In 2010, Colonel Martinez was serving as the Executive Officer for the 193rd Military Police Battalion, when they mobilized in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. He helped provide Command and Control of over 4000 detainees at an internment camp located at Bagram, Afghanistan. After the deployment in 2012, he was chosen to represent the Colorado National Guard at the State in Colorado's capitol as a special military attendee and personally recognized by Governor John Hicklenlooper. Colonel Martinez would later command the 193rd Military Police Battalion in 2013. Soon after taking command, he immediately was called to support the largest flood relief effort in Colorado history, leading 500 Soldiers and Airmen as one of the Task Force commanders while simultaneously preparing his unit for a deployment to Cuba. After command, in Feb 2018, Colonel Martinez also 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 recently worked with Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams with providing cyber security support during three separate Federal elections.

Colonel Martinez currently serves fulltime as Chief Information Officer– in charge of Cyber, Command Control Communications systems, and Policy implementation for the Colorado National Guard.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with 1 OLC, Meritorious Service Metal with 1 OLC, the Army Commendation Medal with 2 OLC, the OIF and OEF Campaign Medals. He has earned the Combat Action Badge, German Armed Forces Efficiency Badge and Order of the Marechaussee.

Colonel Martinez currently serves fulltime as Chief Information Officer for the Colorado National Guard. Colonel Martinez has been married to his wife Michelle for 17 years and they have two daughters Alexi and Jasmin. His family are avid baseball fans; they have visited 24 Major League Baseball stadiums in the last 10 years.