

Major General CRAIG W. STRONG

The Adjutant General, Nebraska National Guard
Director, Nebraska Military Department
Director, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Since: July 2023



MG Craig W. Strong serves as The Adjutant General, Nebraska National Guard, Lincoln, Nebraska. As the Adjutant General, he is the senior uniformed National Guard officer responsible for formulating, developing, and coordinating policies, programs and plans affecting more than 4,500 Army and Air National Guard personnel. Appointed by the Governor, General Strong serves as a principal on the Governor's Staff and is the Director of the Nebraska Military Department and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. He serves as the state's official channel of communication with the National Guard Bureau to the Departments of the Army and Air Force.

SOURCE OF COMMISSIONED SERVICE OCS

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES

University of Nebraska - BA - Political Science
University of Nebraska - MA - Economics
University of Nebraska College of Law - JD - Law
United States Army War College - MSS - Strategic Studies

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Army Medical Department Officer Basic Course
Army Medical Department Officer Advanced Course
Combined Arms and Services Staff School
United States Army Command and General Staff College
United States Army War College, Defense Strategy Course
Advanced Joint Professional Military Education (AJPME) JPME-II
Military Police Officer Transition Course
United States Army War College
Executive Joint Domestic Operations Course
Joint Task Force Commanders Course (NORTHCOM)
Maneuver Enhancement Brigade Pre-Command Course
Tactical Commanders Development Program
Defense Security Cooperation University, Security Cooperation Executive Course
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Seminar XXI, International Relations and National Interest Fellowship Syracuse University, National Security Management Course (NSMC)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE(S) None Recorded

| <u>PROMOTIONS</u> | <u>DATE OF APPOINTMENT</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 2LT | 30 Jul 95 |
| 1LT | 31 Jul 97 |
| CPT | 1 Nov 00 |
| MAJ | 1 Jun 06 |
| LTC | 7 Oct 10 |
| COL | 6 Oct 15 |
| BG | 15 Oct 20 |
| MG (NE) | 8 Jul 23 |

| <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> | <u>ASSIGNMENT</u> |
|-------------|-----------|--|
| Jul 23 | Present | The Adjutant General, Nebraska National Guard, Nebraska Joint Force Headquarters, Lincoln, Nebr. |
| Oct 20 | Jun 2023 | Deputy Director, J-8/Programs, Analysis & Evaluation (PAE), National Guard Bureau, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia |
| Jul 19 | Oct 20 | Senior Policy Analyst for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counternarcotics and Global Threats, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia |
| Nov 18 | Jul 19 | Director of Human Resources (J1), JFHQ-NE, Lincoln, Nebraska |
| Nov 16 | Oct 18 | Commander, 67th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Lincoln, Nebraska and St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands |
| Jul 16 | Nov 16 | Director of Operations (J3), JFHQ-NE, Lincoln, Nebraska |
| Apr 15 | Jun 16 | Executive Officer, 67th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, Lincoln, Nebraska |
| Oct 13 | Apr 15 | Executive Officer, 92nd Troop Command, Lincoln, Nebraska |
| Oct 11 | Oct 13 | Commander, 110th Multifunctional Medical Battalion, Lincoln, Nebraska |
| Jan 09 | Mar 12 | Comptroller, Nebraska Army National Guard, Lincoln, Nebraska |
| Sep 07 | Jan 09 | Support Operations Officer (SPO), 110th Multifunctional Medical Battalion, Lincoln, Nebraska and Baghdad, Iraq Operations |
| Feb 06 | Sep 07 | Officer (S2/S3), 110th Medical Evacuation Battalion, Lincoln, Nebraska |
| Aug 01 | Jan 06 | Commander, 313th Medical Company, Lincoln, Nebraska and Tikrit, Iraq |
| Sep 00 | Aug 01 | Logistics Officer (S4), 110th Medical Evacuation Battalion, Lincoln, Nebraska |
| Jul 95 | Sep 00 | Platoon Leader, 313th Medical Company, Lincoln, Nebraska |

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

| | <u>DATE</u> | <u>GRADE</u> |
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| Senior Policy Analyst for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counternarcotics and Global Threats, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Pentagon, Washington, District of Columbia | Jul 19 - Oct 20 | Colonel |

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

| | <u>DATE</u> | <u>GRADE</u> |
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| Joint Task Force Commander, Joint Task Force Virgin Islands, Hurricanes Irma & Maria Recovery Operations, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands | Oct 17 - Nov 17 | Colonel |
| Support Operations Officer (SPO), 110th Multifunctional Medical Battalion, Camp Liberty, Baghdad, Iraq | Feb 08 - Nov 08 | Major |
| Commander, 313th Medical Company, Forward Operating Base Speicher, Tikrit, Iraq | Dec 04 - Oct 05 | Captain |

US DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Bronze Star Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Silver and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Army Commendation Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Army Meritorious Unit Commendation
Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)
Iraq Campaign Medal (with 2 Bronze Service Stars)
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Gold Hourglass and "M" Device)
Army Service Ribbon
Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 2)
Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge
National Guard Bureau Staff Identification Badge

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

Prior to entering the AGR program practiced law specializing in employment law and commercial transactions with experience in conducting legal research, analysis and writing; client counseling; negotiations; oral advocacy and dispute resolution.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Member, Nebraska Bar Association
Member, American Bar Association
Certified Defense Financial Manager with Acquisition Specialty, American Society of Military Comptrollers
The Order of Military Medical Merit, Army Medical Department Honorary
The Order of Barristers, National Law School Honorary
President, Lincoln - Lancaster County Board of Health, Lincoln, Nebraska, 2014-2019
President, National Guard Association of Nebraska, 2018-19, Legislative Chair 2010-14
Member, National Guard Association of the United States
Member, Rotary Club International

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Distinguished Graduate, United States Army War College
General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award
Silver Quill Award (for published article), Military Police Corps
Distinguished Service Award of the National Guard Association of Nebraska
Captain John R. Teal Leadership Award in Medical Operations
Medical Service Corps Award of Excellence
Commandant's List, Army Medical Department Officer Basic Course
Graduate Certificate in Public Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation, University of Nebraska
Nebraska Law Review, Executive Editor

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