



Biography

Joint Force Headquarters – Arizona Air National Guard

Papago Park Military Reserve, Phoenix, Arizona, 85008

COLONEL WANDA A. WRIGHT



Colonel Wanda A. Wright is the Director of Staff for the Arizona Air National Guard headquartered at Papago Park Military Reservation, Phoenix, Arizona. She directs Joint Forces Headquarters, air component military personnel, administrative, support and recruiting staff. She provides guidance to the Adjutant General, Assistant Adjutant General, Chief of staff and Wing Commanders on readiness, training and military personnel issues. Col Wright began her military service upon receiving her commission through the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1985. Her first assignment was to Myrtle Beach AFB, South Carolina as a deputy budget officer. A follow on assignment to Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona resulted in promotion to the wing budget

officer position. Her work there helped her obtain the Tactical Air Command Budget Officer of the Year award for 1986. She joined the 162nd Fighter Group in 1990 as a drill status Guardsman. Full-time she worked at Hughes Missile Systems Group as a Masters of Business Administration rotator in a program designed to expose financial personnel to various business offices in the corporation. In 1992, she became a full time Guardsman as the wing international military training budget officer. She became the Communications Flight Commander, managing the nucleus for all information technology to include telephones, computers and radios in 1995. She was the Executive Officer for the 162nd Fighter Wing from 4 September 2000 through 3 January 2005. As executive officer, she provided management and command advisory assistance, liaisons with outside agencies, researched and staffed informational issues and protocol.

Handpicked to command Air Force personnel on Southwest border mission called Operation Jump Start from June 2006 – Dec 2008. She commanded over 4,000 airmen from 52 states and territories.

EDUCATION:

1985 Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Engineering, Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado

1987 Masters in Business Administration, Webster University, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

1989 Teacher's Certificate, Pima Community College, Tucson, AZ.

1998 Masters in Public Administration, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
1999 Air Command and Staff College (Seminar)
2003 Air War College (Seminar)

ASSIGNMENTS:

1985 Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C., Deputy Budget Officer
1987 Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, Budget Officer
1990 162nd Fighter Wing, Tucson, AZ, Accounting and Finance Officer
1992 162nd Fighter Wing, Tucson, AZ, International Military Training Budget Officer
1994 162nd Fighter Wing, Tucson, AZ, Communications Officer
2000 162nd Fighter Wing, Tucson, AZ, Executive Officer
2005 Arizona Air National Guard, AZ, Director of Staff

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATION

Legion of Merit	2011
Meritorious Service medal with one oak leaf cluster	1998
Air Force Commendation Medal	1987

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	29 May 1987
First Lieutenant	29 May 1989
Captain	29 May 1991
Major	24 August 1995
Lieutenant Colonel	22 August 2001
Colonel	30 June 2005

(Current as of 12 Jul 2011)

Col. Wright is married to Dale and has two children, a son and daughter. She graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1985 and went on to a distinguished career with both the Air Force and the Air National Guard here in Arizona.