



BIOGRAPHY

IDAHO ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

COLONEL MICHAEL J. GARSHAK



CHIEF OF STAFF

Colonel Michael J. Garshak is assigned as the Chief of Staff, Idaho Army National Guard. In his key position, he serves as the principal executive assistant and advisor to the Assistant Adjutant General, Army. He is responsible for assisting the Adjutant General in managing and directing the administration, coordination, planning, execution, and supervision of all Idaho National Guard programs

Colonel Garshak was commissioned in 1987 through the Army Reserve Officer Training Corp program at Northern Arizona University. Colonel Garshak served six years on active duty before transitioning into the Idaho Army National Guard in 1993. Colonel Garshak deployed as an Apache Platoon Leader during Desert Shield/Desert Storm and as the Aviation Task Force Commander to Bosnia-Herzegovina in support of SFOR 12.

Colonel Garshak is a Master Army Aviator with more than 2,300 flying hours, primarily in the AH-64 Apache attack helicopter.

EDUCATION:

1986 Airborne School, Fort Benning, Georgia

1987 Northern Arizona University, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Flagstaff, Arizona

1987 Aviation Officer Basic Course, Fort Rucker, Alabama

1988 Officer Rotary Wing Aviator Course, Fort Rucker, Alabama

1989 AH-64 Aircraft Qualification Course, Fort Rucker, Alabama

1992 Air Assault School, Fort Rucker, Alabama

1992 AH-64 Instructor Pilot Course, Fort Rucker, Alabama

1993 Aviation Safety Officer Course, Fort Rucker, Alabama
1994 Aviation Officer Advanced Course, Fort Rucker, Alabama
1996 Combined Arms Services Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
1999 Command and General Staff Officer Course, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
2006 United States Army War College, Carlisle Barrack, Pennsylvania
2011 Joint Task Force Commander's Course, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado

ASSIGNMENTS:

August 1988 – April 1989, Scout Platoon Leader, Co B, 1-3 AVN REGT, Ft. Hood, TX
July 1989 – March 1990, Liaison Officer, HHC, 1-3 AVN REGT, Ft. Hood, TX
March 1990 – June 1991, Attack Platoon Leader, Co A, 1-3 AVN REGT, Ft. Hood, TX
July 1991 – October 1991, Assistant S3, 4/6 Cav, 6 Cavalry Bde, Ft. Hood, TX
October 1991 – May 1993, Instructor Pilot, Executive Officer, Co D 1-14th AVN, Ft. Rucker, AL
May 1993 – May 1996, Commander, Co B, 1-183rd Aviation Battalion, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
May 1996 – February 1999, S3, 1-183rd Aviation Battalion, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
February 1999 – May 2000, Aviation Operations Officer Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
May 2000 – August 2003, Commander, 1-183rd Aviation Battalion, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
June 2002- March 2003, Commander, Aviation Task Force SFOR12, Bosnia-Herzegovina
July 2003 - July 2006, Aviation Staff Officer, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
July 2006 – December 2011, Aviation Group Commander/State Army Aviation Officer, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
January 2012 – March 2014, Director of Operations, G3, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho
March 2014 – Present, Chief of Staff, Idaho Army National Guard, Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Master Army Aviator
Flight Hours: More than 2,300
Aircraft Flown: TH-55, UH-1, OH-58, AH-64, UH-60
Pilot wings from: Fort Rucker, Alabama

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal (with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)
Air Medal (2)
Army Commendation Medal (with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Army Achievement Medal
Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver and 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Star)
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Stars)
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with "M" Device and Silver Hourglass)
Army Service Ribbon
NATO Medal
Kuwait Liberation Medal - Saudi Arabia
Kuwait Liberation Medal - Kuwait
Governor's Outstanding Unit Award
Idaho Emergency Duty Ribbon
Idaho Service Ribbon (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
Master Army Aviator Badge

Parachutist Badge
Air Assault Badge

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS:

Member, Idaho National Guard Officer's Association
Member, National Guard Association of the United States
Member, Idaho Snake River Chapter, Army Aviation Association of America
Member, United States Army War College Alumni Association
Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars
Member, Military Officers Association of America

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

2010 Idaho Army National Guard Aviator of the Year

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant 15 May 1987
First Lieutenant 27 May 1989
Captain 1 December 1991
Major 1 May 1997
Lieutenant Colonel 29 August 2001
Colonel 27 July 2006