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Jordan promoted to colonel in SD National Guard

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The South Dakota Army National Guard promoted Aaron Jordan, of Sturgis, to the rank of colonel during a March 25 ceremony on Camp Rapid.

Jordan began his military service in 1984 with the SDARNG's 842nd Engineer Company. After graduating and commissioning through ROTC at Black Hills State University in Spearfish in 1991, Jordan served on active duty in the U.S. Army.

Beginning in 1992, he spent nine months at Fort Benning, Georgia completing Infantry Officer Basic Course and other infantry-associated courses. In September 1992, he and his wife, Cheryl moved to Germany for a three-year tour where Jordan had assignments as platoon leader and support platoon leader in 4-12 Infantry Battalion (Mechanized), and executive officer in the 89th Transportation Company. A highlight was leading his Bradley platoon to the highest Table VIII score in the brigade with an average score of 998 out of 1,000.

After separating from active duty in late 1995, Jordan rejoined the SDARNG in April 1997 where he's held numerous positions to include platoon leader and commander in the 842nd En. Co., numerous staff assignments in the 109th Engineer Battalion, 109th Regional Support Group and Joint Force Headquarters, and commander of the 152nd Combat Support Sustainment Battalion in Pierre from May 2009 until September 2011.

In 2003, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 109th En. Bn. and was awarded the Bronze Star for his performance.

Jordan began his full-time career as a training officer with the 109th En. Bn. in Sturgis. Since then, he's held assignments as administrative officer for both the 109th En. Bn. and 109th Regional Support Group, the director of military support in the J3, and deputy and director, human resources officer.

Early this week, he began his new assignment as the G3/director of operations.

Concluding the ceremony, Jordan thanked colleagues past and present, along with his family, who have supported him throughout his military career.

"All of my success has never been individual success," Jordan said. "All of my success has always been tied to the teams that I'm on. I feel fortunate that I've had people that have shaped me - mentored me."

Jordan earned a Master of Science from University of South Dakota in administrative studies in 2005 and a Master in Strategic Studies from the Army War College in 2014.

He lives in Sturgis with his wife, Cheryl, their son, Andy and daughter, Mya. Their eldest son, John, is a student at South Dakota State University and is enrolled in Air Force ROTC. John is a member of the South Dakota Air National Guard.

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160325-Z-FO377-003: U.S. Army Col. Aaron Jordan, South Dakota Army National Guard, is promoted to the rank of colonel during a March 25, 2016 ceremony at Camp Rapid, Rapid City, S.D. Helping with the pinning are his sons, John, left, and Andy. (Army National Guard photo by 1st Lt. Chad Carlson/Released)



160325-Z-ZZ999-001: Col. Aaron Jordan, South Dakota Army National Guard (U.S. Army National Guard courtesy photo/Released)

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