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Norris promoted to colonel in SD National Guard

RAPID CITY, S.D. – Corey Norris, of Rapid City, was promoted to the rank of colonel in the South Dakota Army National Guard during a ceremony at Camp Rapid, Aug. 6.

Norris serves full time as the Human Resources Officer for Joint Force Headquarters in Rapid City.

Norris began his military service in 1988 enlisting in the United States Air Force as a Law Enforcement Specialist/Military Working Dog Handler. In 1992, he left active duty and joined the SDARNG serving with the 109th Engineer Group as a supply specialist. In 1997, Norris graduated from the SDARNG's Officer Candidate School and received his commission as a second lieutenant.

Over the course of his career, Norris has held staff positions within the South Dakota Army National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters, 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, 196th Regiment (RTI), and the Recruiting and Retention Battalion.

Norris commanded the 235th Military Police Company from February 2004 to February 2006, the Recruit Sustainment Program from October 2008 to February 2009, Company B 1st battalion (Officer Candidate School), 196th Regiment (RTI) from September of 2011 to December of 2012, and the South Dakota Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion from May 2018 until May of 2020. He has also served as the Executive Officer to the Adjutant General at Joint Force Headquarters of the South Dakota National Guard from August of 2011 until June of 2015, and Professor of Military Science at South Dakota State University from August 2015 to May 2018.

He has been mobilized twice in support of Operation Enduring Freedom - February 2003 to February 2004 to Fort Carson, CO with the 235th Military Police Company and May 2010 to April 2011 to Kabul, Afghanistan with the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.

Norris holds a bachelor's degree in Human Services from Black Hills State University, a master's in administrative studies from the University of South Dakota, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the US Army War College.

Norris has three children; Hannah, Taylor and Tanner. He resides in Rapid City with his son Tanner and his fiancée Alissa Messinger.

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220805-Z-BS230-1029: U.S. Army Col. Cory Norris speaks to audience members during his promotion ceremony at Camp Rapid in Rapid City, S.D., Aug. 5, 2022. (Courtesy Photo)



220805-Z-BS230-1014: U.S. Army Col. Cory Norris receives his new rank during his promotion ceremony at Camp Rapid in Rapid City, S.D., Aug. 5, 2022. (Courtesy Photo)

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