BIOGRAPHY

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Colonel Michael P. Bishop

Colonel Michael Bishop enlisted in the Army National Guard in April of 1979 and attended Basic Training and UH-1 Helicopter Repair School. After spending a year working on helicopters he decided to try and join the officer ranks by applying for Officer Candidate School (OCS). In the summer of 1980 he graduated from OCS at Fort Benning, Georgia to start his career as an Officer and pursue his dream of flying.

As a Second Lieutenant, Colonel Bishop was assigned to Co A, 158th MI Bn, an OV-1 Mohawk unit, in Winder, Georgia as a non-rated Section Leader. After waiting a year for a school slot, Colonel Bishop attended and graduated from the Military Intelligence Officer Basic and Tactical Intelligence Officer Course at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Upon his return to Georgia, he received orders for the Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course at Fort Rucker, Alabama and graduated in the spring of 1983. It took almost another year to obtain a Fixed Wing Multi-Engine Qualification slot and a follow on quota to the OV-1 Qualification course. After completion of all course prerequisites in the summer of 1984, Colonel Bishop returned to Co A, 158th MI Bn as a fully qualified OV-1 aviator.

Colonel Bishop served in a wide variety of company and battalion level positions as a traditional Guardsman from his enlistment in 1979 through 1987 when in February of that year he was accepted for a Title 10 position with the ARNG Aviation Division. At the time, CPT Bishop was selected for the position of Chief of the Centralized Scheduling Section (CSS), the forerunner to what is now the Operational Support Airlift Agency.

As a Title 10 officer, COL Bishop served at the National level at HQDA in the G4 and for the Director of the Army Staff; he Commanded the Operational Support Airlift Command; served as a primary AO for the Assistants to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff for the National Guard and Reserve matters; served as the Division Chief for both the Plans, Training, Operations and Mobilization and the Standardization Division for the Operational Support Airlift Agency; Commanded, the Fort Belvoir Regional Flight Center; was a key AO for the ARNG Operational Support Airlift Transition Team; and completed an assignment as the Safety Officer for the Western ARNG Aviation training Site. Colonel Bishop is coming to OSAA after completing a highly successful assignment on the HQDA G-3/5/7 staff where he served as the Chief, Force Management Initiatives Division.

Colonel Bishop is a Master Army Aviator qualified in the UH-1, OH-58, AH-1, T-42, OV-1, U-21, and the C-12.

Colonel Bishop is married to the former Sandra Sue Lufburrow from Baltimore, Maryland. They have two sons, Michael and David, and one daughter, Katie and are living in Huntingtown, Maryland.

Colonel Bishop's awards and decorations include: the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal w/Silver Oak Leaf, Army Commendation Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/Hour Glass device and Army Service Medal. Additionally, he was awarded the Master Army Aviator Badge, Army Crewmember Badge, DA Staff Badge, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, and the Army National Guard Meritorious Service Award.