

LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRANKLIN C. LITTLE
Garrison Commander, Montana National Guard

Lieutenant Colonel Franklin C. Little assumed the duties as Garrison Commander in May of 2008. As Garrison Commander, he oversees various programs and policies pertaining to Fort Harrison and the Montana Army National Guard Facilities statewide.

Lieutenant Colonel Little is a native Montanan who received his bachelors of science degree in engineering from Montana State University in 1982. He was commissioned by the Montana Air National Guard in 1984 and completed Undergraduate Pilot Training in 1985. From 1985 to 1988 he flew as a Rescue Pilot with the USAFRes.304th Combat Search & Rescue Squadron in Portland, OR. In 1988, he returned to Montana and joined the Montana Army National Guard, as an Aviation Branch Officer. He is qualified as both a fixed and rotary wing pilot and has ratings in the T-37 Tweet, the T-38 Talon, the UH-1 Huey, the AH-1 Cobra, the OH-58 Kiowa, and the UH-60 Blackhawk. Prior to his current assignment, LTC Little served as the Battalion Commander of the 1-189th General Support Aviation Battalion. He has more then twenty years of both aviation and engineering experience and is a Senior Army Aviator, as well as, a Registered Professional Engineer.

Civilian Education and Licensure:

1982 Bachelor of Science, Construction Engineering, MSU, Bozeman, MT
1984 FAA Commercial Instrument Aircraft Rating, Columbus, MS
1994 Continuing Education Studies (CES), University of Texas, Austin, TX
1995 CES, University of Montana, Yellow Bay Research Station, MT
1995 Fundamentals of Engineering (EIT), State of Montana
2004 Registered Professional Engineer (PE), State of Montana

Military Education:

1984 USAF Flight Screening Program
1984 USAF Commission- Academy of Military Science
1985 USAF Undergraduate Pilot Training
1985 USAF Water Survival Training
1985 USAF Combat Survival Training
1986 USAF Rotary Wing Qualification Course
1987 USAF UH-1N Aircraft Qualification Course
1989 US Army UH-1M Aircraft Qualification Course
1991 AH-1S Aircraft Qualification Course
1992 OH-58 Aircraft Qualification Course
1992 Aviation Officer Advance Course
1992 Aviation Unit Commander's Course
1992 Company Commander's Course, Montana Military Academy
1996 Combined Arms and Services Staff School

1996 Air Mobility Command, Airlift Planners Course
1998 Alamo Safety- Risk Assessment & Management Course
2001 UH-60 Aircraft Standardization Course
2004 Command & General Staff College
2005 Fiscal Law Course
2006 CFMO-Certification Course

Assignments:

1984-1985 Student Pilot, 14th FTW, Columbus AFB, MS
1985-1986 RWQC-Rated Student Pilot, 3588th FTS, FT Rucker, AL
1986-1988 CSAR Pilot, 304th USAFR Rescue Sqdrn, Portland ANGB, OR
1988-1991 Platoon Leader, Co B, 1-189th ATK HEL BN, Helena, MT
1991-1995 Commander, Co C, 1-189th ATK HEL BN, Helena, MT
1995-1998 Assistant S3, 1-189th Combat Support AVN BN, Helena, MT
1998-2001 State Aviation Safety Officer, HQ STARC, Helena, MT
2001-2002 S3, 1-189th AVN BN (Assault), Helena, MT
2002-2003 Executive Officer, 1-189th AVN BN (Assault), Helena, MT
2003-2005 State Aviation Standardization Officer, HQ STARC, Helena, MT
2005-2006 Aviation Branch Chief, HQ STARC, Helena, MT
2006-2006 MTARNG Facilities Management Officer, HQ STARC, Helena, MT
2006-2008 Commander, 1-189th General Support AVN BN, Helena, MT
2008-Pres Garrison Commander, FT Harrison, MT

Major Awards and Decorations:

Meritorious Service Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster
Army Commendation Medal
Army Achievement Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster
National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star
Air Force Longevity Service Award
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Silver Hourglass
Air Force Training Ribbon
Montana National Guard Campaign Ribbon with Two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters
Montana National Guard Outstanding Unit Award
Montana National Guard Noble Eagle Ribbon
Montana National Guard Service Ribbon with Three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters
Montana National Guard Attendance Ribbon with Two Silver and Three Bronze Oak Leaf clusters
Montana Physical Fitness Ribbon with One Silver and One Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters
US Army Senior Aviator badge
USAF Aviator Wings

Professional Affiliations:

Registered Engineer, State of Montana
Member Broadwater County Airport Board
Member American Legion Post No. 102
Past President & Member of Broadwater Lions Club
Past Commissioner & Founding Member Townsend Youth Soccer
Past President & Founding Member Townsend Little Guy Wrestling
Member Montana State University Alumni Association
Member National Guard Association
Member Montana National Guard Association
Affiliate Member Association of Graduates, US Air Force Academy

Effective Dates of Promotion:

Second Lieutenant	USAF	12 JUL 84
First Lieutenant	USAFR	12 JUL 87
Captain	MTARNG	07 MAY 92
Major	MTARNG	26 FEB 99
Lieutenant Colonel	MTARNG	06 JUL 05