

# THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS ANNVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA 17003-5002

August 16, 2018

Honorable Tom Wolf Governor Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

Under the provisions of 51 Pa. C.S.A. Section 901 and 1103, I am pleased to forward the nomination for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General in the Army National Guard for Colonel Edwards S. Little Jr. The projected assignment is Assistant Division Commander, Headquarters Support Company, 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, vice BG McCormack, reassignment.

Colonel Little directs and oversee training, intelligence, personnel and logistic functions of a Maneuver Enhancement Brigade to insure State and Federal mission accomplishment through the full spectrum of military operations from civilian disaster through wartime combat support operations. He is responsible for the overall safety, welfare and care of assigned Soldiers. He develops plans, intent and goals to increase the command's readiness. He incorporates higher commander's guidance into all functional areas. Colonel Little is responsible for the establishment of positive command relationship with subordinate elements through sound, professional and competent leadership. He is responsible for mentoring, teaching and the professional development of the Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of the command. His additional duties – Pennsylvania Task Force – North Commander (PTF-N) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region III Homeland Response (HRF) Commander.

Colonel Little was commissioned in 1989 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He held both company and field grade commands and staff level positions in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard to include the following; Assistant S3, Decon Platoon Leader, Platoon Leader, Chemical Officer, and Operations Officer. He served as Driver 4 Guards vf/Liaison Officer, Chemical Officer, Tactical Chemical Operations Officer, Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Officer, and Battalion Commander. Colonel Little served as Executive Officer prior to his current assignment as Commander, Headquarters Company, 55th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

Colonel Little was born in Norwich, Connecticut in October 1966. He graduated from Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. He

also graduated from United States Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, with a Master of Strategic Studies. His military education includes Toxic Agent Training CDTF, Chemical Officer Basic Course, Airborne Course, Toxic Agent Training CDTF, Chemical Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms Services and Staff School, Military Justice Training, Command and General Staff Officer Course, Army Basic Instructor Course, and United States Army War College.

Colonel Little's awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Navy Unit Commendation (with 1 Bronze Service Star), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster), National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (with Bronze Service Stars), Iraq Campaign Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with 1 Silver Hourglass M Device and Numeral 2), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (with Numeral 3), NATO Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal-Saudi Arabia, Kuwait Liberation Medal-Kuwait, Washington D.C. Community Service Ribbon, Pennsylvania Service Ribbon, Pennsylvania Twenty Year Service Medal, Major General Thomas R. White Jr. Medal, General Thomas J. Stewart Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Pennsylvania Governor's Unit Citation, and Parachutist Badge.

Colonel Little is a proven leader and an exceptional officer who possesses unlimited potential to serve and excel in positions of greater authority. I strongly recommend Colonel Little for a Certificate of Eligibility to Brigadier General.

Sincerely.

Anthony J. Carrelli

Major General, Pennsylvania Air National Guard

The Adjutant General

## **COLONEL (PA) EDWARDS S. LITTLE JR.**

Commander, Headquarters, 55<sup>th</sup> Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Scranton, PA

Since: June 2017

#### **COMMISSIONING SOURCE:**

**ROTC** 

#### **EDUCATIONAL DEGREES:**

1989, Gettysburg College, Bachelor of Arts, History, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 2014, United States Army War College, Master of Strategic Studies, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

#### **MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED:**

1989, Toxic Agent Training CDTF, Fort McClellan, Alabama

1989, Chemical Officer Basic Course, Fort McClellan, Alabama

1989, Airborne Course, Fort Benning, Georgia

1998, Toxic Agent Training CDTF, Fort McClellan, Alabama

1998, Chemical Officer Advanced Course, Fort McClellan, Alabama

2001, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

2004, Military Justice Training, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

2008, Command and General Staff Officers Course, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

2013, Army Basic Instructor Course, Annville, Pennsylvania

2014, United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGE(S):**

N/A

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant 14 May 1989
First Lieutenant 11 June 1991
Captain 1 December 1993
Major 22 February 2001
Lieutenant Colonel 22 June 2009
Colonel 1 June 2017

#### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

- 1. May 1989 October 1989, USAR Control Group
- 2. October 1989 January 1992, Chemical Officer, Headquarters Battalion, 4th Battalion, 41st Field Artillery, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait
- 3. January 1992 October 1992, Platoon Leader, Headquarters Detachment, 324th Support Battalion, Forward, Fort Benning, Georgia

- 4. October 1992 November 1993, Executive Officer, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Benning, Georgia
- 5. November 1993 August 1994, Transportation Officer/Assistant S4, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Benning, Georgia 6. August 1994 March 1997, USAR Control Group
- 7. March 1997 May 1998, Chemical Officer, 28th Infantry Detachment, Division Rear Operations Center (DROC), Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- 8. June 1998 November 2000, Chemical Officer, 28th Infantry Detachment, Division Rear Operations Center (DROC), Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- 9. November 2000 September 2001, Chemical Officer, 28th Infantry Detachment, Rear Tactical Operations Center (RTOC), Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- 10. October 2001 July 2002, I & III Corps Liaison Officer, Headquarters Company, 28th Infantry Division, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- 11. July 2002 March 2003, I & III Corps Liaison Officer, Headquarters Company, 28th Infantry Division, Bosnia-Herzegovina
- 12. March 2003 January 2005, Assistant Operations Officer, 28th Detachment-Division Rear Operations Center (DROC), Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- 13. January 2005 June 2006, Chemical Officer Chief of Plans, Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division, Camp AR Ramadi, Iraq 14. July 2006 April 2009, Tactical Chemical Operations Officer, 28th Infantry Division, Tactical Command Posts, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- 15. May 2009 January 2011, Chemical Officer, Headquarters Company, 28th Infantry Division, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- 16. February 2011 September 2012, CBRN Officer, Operations Company, Headquarters, 28th Infantry Division, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- 17. September 2012 March 2016, Commander, Detachment 1, 2nd Battalion, 166th Regiment, Annville, Pennsylvania
- 18. April 2016 May 2017, Executive Officer, 213th Regional Support Group, Allentown, Pennsylvania
- 19. June 2017 Present, Commander, Headquarters Company, 55<sup>th</sup> Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Scranton, Pennsylvania

## **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS:**

N/A

#### **SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS:**

- 1. October 1989 January 1992, Chemical Officer, Headquarters Battalion, 4th Battalion, 41st Field Artillery, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait
- 2. July 2002 March 2003, I & III Corps Liaison Officer, Headquarters Company, 28th Infantry Division, Bosnia-Herzegovina
- 3. January 2005 June 2006, Chemical Officer Chief of Plans, Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division, Camp AR Ramadi, Iraq

## **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Achievement Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Navy Unit Commendation (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)

National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Service Stars)

Iraq Campaign Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass, M Device and Numeral 2)

Army Service Ribbon

Overseas Service Ribbon

Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (with Numeral 3)

NATO Ribbon

Kuwait Liberation Medal-Saudi Arabia

Kuwait Liberation Medal-Kuwait

Washington DC Community Service Ribbon

Pennsylvania Service Medal

Pennsylvania Twenty Year Service Medal

Pennsylvania Major General Thomas R. White Jr. Medal

Pennsylvania General Thomas J. Stewart Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Pennsylvania Governor's Unit Citation

Parachutist Badge

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

N/A

#### **CIVILIAN OCCUPATION:**

Secondary Social Studies Teacher, West Shore School District (Lewisberry, PA). History teacher, Allen Middle School (Camp Hill, PA)

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS:

N/A

## OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

N/A

As of: 4 Feb 19