



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

MAJOR GERALD R. CULLENS

Major Gerald Cullens is the Chief, Customer Support Policy Branch of the Force Management Division, Directorate of Personnel, Manpower and Services, National Guard Bureau, Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. He leads the Customer Support Policy Branch in providing military personnel policy and guidance for the Air National Guard and ensuring policies and programs are established for the effective management of all ANG personnel resources in the fifty-four states and territories.



Major Cullens started his military career in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in July 1984 as a Computer Operator (MOS 4034) and later enlisted in the Air National Guard with the 190th Air Refueling Group, Topeka, KS as a Services Apprentice in November 1991. While assigned to the 190th Services Flight he augmented the 134th Air Control Squadron (ACS), Wichita, KS and additional ACS units while deployed to Tegucigalpa, Honduras. After completing his degree at Kansas State University, he transferred to the Iowa Air National Guard, 132d FW, Services Flight. In March of 2000, he was commissioned and reassigned as the Food Service Officer, 132d Services Flight and assumed command of the flight in August 2002. In May 2006 he accepted a temporary Statutory Tour at the Air National Guard Readiness Center as Deputy Chief of Services with primary duties being continuity of operations between the transition of Division Chiefs as well as BRAC/TFI/PBD 720 planning and implementation as it applied to ANG Services units. In June 2008 he accepted a tour as Chief, Combat Support Branch for the Services Division at the Air National Guard Readiness Center and later deployed to Baghdad as the 447th Air Expeditionary Group, Force Support Squadron Commander. In September 2010 he was assigned to the Force Management Division of the National Guard Bureau Manpower, Personnel and Services Directorate where he is currently serving as the Chief, Customer Support Policy Branch.

Major Cullens' civilian career encompasses many facets of the hospitality industry to include Student Manager, Kansas State University Student Union Food Service Operations; Executive Chef, Iowa Machine Shed, Heart of America Restaurants and Inns; Food Production Manager, Principal Financial Group, ARAMARK Business Services; Food Service Director, CitiGroup, ARAMARK Business Services; Senior Food Service Director, Kansas City Region, ARAMARK Business Services and his final position as Director of Culinary Operations, Sprint World Headquarters, ARAMARK Business Services.

EDUCATION:

1984 Computer Operations Course, Marine Corps Development & Education Command, Quantico, VA
1991 USAF Services 3 Level School, Lowry AFB, CO
1994 Bachelor of Science Hotel, Restaurant & Management, Kansas State University Manhattan, KS
2000 Academy of Military Science, McGhee Tyson, TN
2007 Squadron Officer School, (Correspondence)

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Jul 1984 – Sep 1984, Recruit training, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, CA
2. Sep 1984 – Dec 1984, Student, Marine Corps Development & Education Command, VA

3. Dec 1984 – Aug 1985, Motor Transport Operator, Battery "P", USMCR, Commerce City, CO
4. Aug 1985 – Nov 1991, Computer Operator/Platoon Sgt, Marine Corps Finance Ctr, Kansas City, MO
5. Nov 1991 – Oct 1995, Services Specialist, 190th Air Refueling Wing, Topeka, KS
6. Oct 1995 – Mar 2000, Services Specialist, 132d Fighter Wing, Des Moines, IA
7. Mar 2000 – Aug 2002, Food Service Officer, 132d Fighter Wing, Des Moines, IA
8. Aug 2002 – May 2006, Commander, Services Flight, 132d Fighter Wing, Des Moines, IA
6. May 2006 – Jun 2008, Deputy Chief, Services Division, Air National Guard Readiness Center
7. Jun 2008 – Sept 2010, Chief, Combat Support Branch, Services Division, Air National Guard Readiness Center
8. Sept 2010 – present, Chief, Customer Support Policy Branch, Force Management Division, Air National Guard Readiness Center

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation
Air Force Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with device
National Defense Service Medal with device
Iraq Campaign Medal
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon w/ Gold Border
Air Force Longevity Service with five devices
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with hour glass
Organized Marine Corps Reserve Ribbon
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with device
Air Force Training Ribbon

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant, 03 March 2000
First Lieutenant, 03 March 2002
Captain, 20 March 2004
Major, 24 July 2008