



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CAPTAIN MATTHEW H. ZELNIK

Captain Matthew H. Zelnik is the State Partnership Program (SPP) Director for the Ohio National Guard. In this capacity he is responsible to manage the partnership between the Ohio National Guard and the Republics of Hungary and Serbia. In addition to serving as the SPP Director, he also serves as the Air Liaison and Homeland Security Planner to Joint Force Headquarters, Ohio Domestic Operations (J3-DO) Branch. Captain Zelnik began his military service in June 1986 when he enlisted the 160th Air Refueling Group serving in the Security Police Squadron. During his enlisted career Captain Zelnik achieved the rank of Master Sergeant and served as a Professional Military Education Instructor for the Ohio Air National Guard's Airman Leadership School and the NCO Academy Satellite Program. Captain Zelnik was commissioned in 2001 after graduating from the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science in Knoxville, TN. Following his commission he served as Commander, 180th Services Flight. In addition he served as the Air Plans Officer, Ohio National Guard Joint Operations Directorate.



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EDUCATION

1990 – Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership School
1993 – Non-Commissioned Officer Academy
1996 – Bachelors of Science Degree in Political Science, Regents College, New York

ASSIGNMENTS

1. February 2001 – October 2004, Commander, 180 Services Flight
2. September 2001 – July 2004, Air Liaison and Planner – Ohio National Guard Joint Operations Directorate
3. June 2004 – Present – SPP Director, HLS Planner, and Air Liaison, Ohio National Guard
(May 2006 - September 2006 - Executive Officer, 332 Air Expeditionary Wing, Balad, Iraq)

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Army Commendation Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal
Air Force Expeditionary Service Medal with gold border
National Defense Service Medal with bronze star
Ohio Commendation Medal with one oak leaf

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant – February 16, 2001
First Lieutenant – February 16, 2003
Captain – February 16, 2005

(Current as of September 200)

