

COL Thomas Nguyen
Chief of Staff
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COL Thomas Nguyen assumed the duties as the chief of staff, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/ Army Forces Strategic Command in August 2015. He is a Distinguished Military Graduate of Loyola College of Baltimore, Maryland, after graduating from Towson University in 1991. COL Nguyen has served in a variety of command and staff assignments, both in the continental United States and overseas.



Most recently, he served as the commander of 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade located in the Republic of Korea. The forward deployed brigade provided Theater Air and Missile Defense capabilities in support of the 7th Air Force, Eighth Army, and United States Forces Korea commanders' priorities.

Additional command assignments include: Battalion Commander, 2nd Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where the battalion deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (2010-2011); Battery Commander, Charlie Battery, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade where he deployed the formation to Incirlik, Turkey, in support of Operation Northern Watch (2000); Battery Commander, Bravo Battery, 3rd Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division.

Previous staff assignments include: Brigade S-3, 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas; Battalion Executive officer, 2nd Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery, Gwangju, South Korea; G-3, Chief of Air Defense Artillery and G-7, chief of Training and Exercise, NATO's Rapid Deployable Corps-Valencia, Spain; Chief of Signals Intelligence and Electronic Warfare Operations, NATO International Security Assistance Force, Kabul, Afghanistan (2007); Air Defense Artillery Branch Chief, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

COL Nguyen holds a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, and a master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University.

COL Nguyen's awards and decorations include: the Legion of Merit; the Bronze Star Medal; the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; the Meritorious Service Medal (three oak leaf clusters); the Joint Service Commendation Medal; the Army Commendation Medal (one oak leaf cluster); the Army Achievement Medal (three oak leaf clusters); the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star; the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star; the Global War On Terrorism Service Medal; the Korean Defense Service Medal; the Joint Meritorious Unit Award; the Meritorious Unit Citation; the NATO ISAF Medal (second award); the Spanish Cross Medal; the U.S. Army Senior Parachutist Badge; the Air Assault Badge; the British Army Parachutist Badge, and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (gold).

COL Nguyen and his wife have three children.

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