

Major General Michel A. Natali

New York Army National Guard

Assistant Adjutant General, Army

A native of Watertown, NY, MG Michel Natali was commissioned into the Military Intelligence Corps in May 1987 upon completion of the Reserve Officers Training Corps program at Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont.

He served on active duty and held assignments that included command of Headquarters Company of the 110th Military Intelligence Battalion and Intelligence Collection Manager for the 10th Mountain Division Intelligence Section at Fort Drum, New York. He also served as Battalion Intelligence Officer with 5th Battalion, 8th Infantry in Mainz, Germany.

While serving with the 10th Mountain Division, MG Natali deployed to Haiti in support of Operation Uphold Democracy, to Somalia in support of Operation Restore Hope and to South Florida as part of the military response and relief efforts after Hurricane Andrew.



MG Natali joined the New York Army National Guard in December 1996. His Army National Guard assignments include Intelligence Officer of the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Intelligence Officer for the 42nd Infantry Division Headquarters, Deputy Commander of the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Commander of the 106th Regional Training Institute, Director for Intelligence and Security Joint Force Headquarters-New York, Commander of the 53rd Troop Command, and as the Deputy Commanding General for National Guard Affairs at the United States Army Cyber Center of Excellence. MG Natali also served as the Senior Advisor to the Commander for the Canadian Joint Operations Command.

He deployed to Iraq with the 42nd Infantry Division as Deputy Intelligence Officer in 2004-2005. His Active Duty Guardsman assignments included Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence for the 42nd Infantry Division, Commander of the New York National Guard Counter Drug Task Force and Dual Status Commander – New York in support of the Department of Defense COVID-19 pandemic response.

He is a graduate of the Military Intelligence Officer Basic and Advance Courses, the Signals Intelligence Course, the Command and General Staff College, the Military Intelligence and Infantry Pre-Command Courses and the United States Army War College. He has also attended the Harvard Kennedy School of Government General/Flag Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar.

MG Natali holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Norwich University, a Master's in Public Administration from Marist College and a Master's in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

MG Natali is currently assigned as the full-time Assistant Adjutant General, Army.

He is a retired New York State Police Investigator whose 20 years of service included assignments at the New York State Intelligence Center, the New York State Capital and in New York City subsequent to the attacks of September 11, 2001.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Army Parachutist badge.

MG Natali and his wife Barbara have three sons and two daughters.