



Ronald G. Young
Director
Family and Employer Programs and Policy

Director Ron Young is a career Senior Executive Service member hired into his position on June 7, 2010. Mr. Young is the principal staff advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs on all matters involving Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, Yellow Ribbon Program, and Individual and Family Programs for the 1.2 million members in the Reserve Components of the United States Armed Forces.

Mr. Young is a graduate of Capital University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Administration and he earned a Juris Doctor from Capital University Law School. During his law school studies, Mr. Young spent one summer studying in Innsbruck, Austria, taking classes from Chief Justice Rehnquist of the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Young is currently an inactive member of the Ohio Bar.



Major General Young began his military service in January 1966, as a Private in the West Virginia Army National Guard. In 1968 he graduated from Officer Candidate School and served with the 19th Special Forces Group until transferring to the Ohio Army National Guard in 1976. In 1984, Major Young began his full-time career as a military technician and Active Guard and Reserve (AGR). In November 1998, Mr. Young was promoted to Brigadier General in command of Ohio's 16th Engineer Brigade. In March of 1999, BG Young was appointed by Ohio's Governor to Assistant Adjutant General of the Army National Guard. During the period from 2001 to 2004, BG Young was selected and served in a dual-hatted assignment as the Wartime G-1 Personnel Officer for the Eighth U.S. Army Korea. After Korea, BG Young was selected for a joint assignment as the National Guard Bureau J-1 Director of Manpower and Personnel where he served until retirement in 2008. In 2005, Major General Young served for ten months as the NGB Acting Director of the Joint Staff playing a key role at the national level during the Hurricane Katrina response.

Major General Young's military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Ohio Distinguished Service Medal.

Mr. Young is past President of the Ohio National Guard Association and five-year elected member of the executive board of the National Guard Association of the United States. Prior to returning to government service, Mr. Young and his wife Major (retired) Maureen Young and their two Labradoodles purchased their retirement home in Beaufort, SC where they enjoy kayaking, exploring historic plantations, and life in the low country.