



## Colonel Michelle I. Nash, USAF Commandant

Colonel Nash is the 19th Commandant of the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, the Department of Defense's Center of Excellence for human relations.

A native of Farr West, Utah, Colonel Nash enlisted in the Air Force in 1998 and started basic military training in 1999. She served in the Aerospace Control and Warning Systems career field until she received her commission through Officer Training School in 2001 and became a Behavioral Scientist. In 2016, she became an Information Operations officer.



She earned a Bachelor Science in Psychology from Weber State University in 1998, a Master of Science in Psychology from Brigham Young University in 2009, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology from Brigham Young University in 2015. In addition, she is a graduate of both the Air Command and Staff and Air War Colleges (by correspondence).

Prior to becoming the Commandant on December 1, 2023, she served as the Director of Culture and Climate for the Dean of Faculty at the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA).

Colonel Nash has served in a variety of positions including assignments as Director of Operations, Deputy Department Head, Assistant Professor, Executive Officer, and Advisor-in-Charge for the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership at the USAFA; Continuous Learning and Performance Assessment Branch Chief in the Warfighter Readiness Research Division at the 711<sup>th</sup> Human Performance Wing; Aircrew Performance Measurement Program Manager and Warfighter Training Research Branch Deputy Branch Chief at the Warfighter Readiness Research Division, Air Force Research Laboratory; and Test Psychologist and Test Construction Team Chief at the Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron. She also deployed for six months as Commander, Detachment 4, 602<sup>nd</sup> Training Group.

Colonel Nash's decorations include the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), the Air Force Commendation Medal (two awards), and the Air Force Achievement Medal, along with various other personal, unit and campaign decorations.