



Dave Thiele, Executive Director

Dave Thiele was hired in January 2020 to serve as the Executive Director of the newly created Ethics Commission. Thiele retired from the North Dakota National Guard in the fall of 2019 after 33 years of military service. Prior to joining the North Dakota National Guard in 1995, he served in the U.S. Army for eight years as a Judge Advocate. During his 25 years of service with the North Dakota National Guard, he has served in a myriad of key positions to include United States Property and Fiscal Officer; Commander of the 164th Regiment Regional Training Institute; Director of Personnel (J-1); Staff Judge Advocate for the Joint Force Headquarters and Provost Marshal. From 2009-2010, he was assigned as the Command Judge Advocate for Kosovo Forces 12 along with nearly 650 North Dakota National Guard members supporting United Nations peacekeeping efforts in that region.

Thiele is a graduate of the University of North Dakota, School of Law and the US Army War College with a Masters in Strategic Studies.