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Lieutenant Colonel Richard A. Szabo is the commander of the New York Military Entrance Processing Station and supports the USMEPCOM mission of evaluating applicants by applying Department of Defense standards in processing and determining eligibility for military service.

He enlisted in the North Dakota Army National Guard in 1998 and earned his commission through the Sun Devil ROTC Battalion at Arizona State University in 2000.

Lieutenant Colonel Szabo served as a platoon leader, Horizontal Construction Platoon, 258th Engineer Company (Combat Support Equipment), Phoenix, Arizona; sapper platoon leader, 229th Engineer Battalion (Light), Fredericksburg, Virginia, deployed as platoon leader, 189th Engineer Company (Medium Girder Bridge), Big Stone Gap, Virginia, and deployed to Iraq with Alpha and Charlie Company, 276th Engineer Battalion (Corps Wheeled), West Point, Virginia from 2003-2005; commander, Bravo Company (Sapper), 229th Engineer Battalion, Fredericksburg, Virginia; commander, Fox Company (Infantry Forward Support Company), 429th Brigade Support Battalion, Richmond, Virginia; resource manager, G-8, 29th Infantry Division, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Lessons Learned observer coach, trainer and registrar, J-7 Training Directorate, and program development and special projects officer, U.S. Northern Command, Colorado Springs, Colorado; assistant S-3 chief of operations (Night) and French liaison officer, Task Force Falcon, 141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo; current operations officer and senior guard advisor, Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.; brigade executive officer and deputy commanding officer, 174th Infantry Brigade, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey; chief of training operations (G-3/5/7), First Army, Rock Island, Illinois; and deputy plans and training officer (G-5/7), Army University, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

His professional military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic Course, Advanced Engineer Course, Advanced Ordnance Course, Intermediate Level Education, Advanced Operations Course, Joint Combined Warfighter School, Human Resources Management Course, Support Operations Course, Defense Support of Civil Authorities Course, Common Faculty Development-Instructor Course, Observer Coach/Trainer Course, and the Joint Engineer Operations Course. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Resources from Arizona State University, a Master's Certificate in Homeland Security from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, a Master's in Emergency and Disaster Management from American Military University, and expects to complete a Master's of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College in 2023.

Lieutenant Colonel Szabo's awards and decorations include two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, four Meritorious Service Medals, two Joint Service Commendation Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, two Joint Service Achievement Medals, five Army Achievement Medals, and various service, unit, and personal medals and ribbons.