



Biography

U.S. ARMY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND

COLONEL Michel M. Russell Sr.
COMMANDER, 401st AFSB

Colonel Michel Russell Sr. assumed command of the 401st Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) in July 2011. COL Russell was born in North Carolina. He joined the United States Army Reserves in 1983 as a field artilleryman.

In 1987, he graduated from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York; and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant from the Fordham University ROTC program as a distinguished military graduate. Entering active duty in 1988, COL Russell served in company level leadership positions in the Air Defense Artillery branch while assigned to 1-1 ADA in Germany.

COL Russell, in 1991, was branch detailed to the Ordnance Corps. After teaching at the OD Officer Basic Course and graduating the Ordnance Officer Advanced Course, he served at Fort Hood, TX as a S-1, a company commander, and a support operations officer for Task Force XXI test team in the 2d Armored Division, the 4th Infantry Division, and the Operational Test and Evaluation Command respectively.

COL Russell then held several key developmental assignments which include aide-de-camp to the Commanding General of the Industrial Operations Command at Rock Island Arsenal, an intern in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and a HQDA G-4 Logistics Officer. COL Russell served as a support operations officer, executive officer and battalion commander in the 47th Forward Support Battalion, 2BCT, 1AD during Operation Iraqi Freedom. COL Russell served in staff positions on the Joint Staff J-4 as the War Reserve subject matter expert and on the HQDA G-3/5/7 staff as the SRC 90/91 subject matter expert for force structure.

COL Russell is a graduate of the Combined Arms Services Staff School, the Marine Corps Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. COL Russell has received numerous awards and decorations in peacetime and combat. He also earned the parachutist badge, the Army Staff badge, the Office of the Secretary of Defense Staff badge, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Staff badge and was awarded the combat action badge. COL Russell holds three masters degrees and one bachelor's degree.

COL Russell is married and has two children.

