



U.S. ARMY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND

Colonel Edward J. Burke Commander, 401st Army Field Support Brigade

Colonel Ed Burke assumed command of the 401st Army Field Support Brigade in September 2013. In that capacity, he leads an organization consisting of some 50,000 Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, and contractors as they execute missions across the Combined Joint Operations Area – Afghanistan.

Born in Munich, Germany into an Army family, COL Burke hails from Pennsylvania and earned his commission as a Second Lieutenant in 1989. A Distinguished Military Graduate of the University of Scranton, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in History, he also holds a Master of Arts from the University of Oklahoma in International Relations, and a Master of Science from National Defense University's Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy.



Following completion of his Officer Basic Course, Colonel Burke was assigned to the 8th Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division (Mechanized) in Mainz, Germany where he served as a Rifle Platoon Leader with both 5th and 3rd Battalions. He then served in the 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea, as S-4 of the 296th Forward Support Battalion, and as a Company Executive Officer in the 702nd Main Support Battalion. He later served as S-2, Assistant S-3, and Adjutant of the 506th Forward Support Battalion, 6th Infantry Division (Light), Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

Upon completion of the Officer Advanced Course, he served as Assistant Professor of Military Science at Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia and returned to Europe to serve as a Supply and Services Officer, 3rd Corps Support Command in Wiesbaden, Germany. He served later as Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, and then S-3, 254th Base Support Battalion, in Schinnen, The Netherlands.

In 2001 as a member of the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) he deployed in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM as TASK FORCE MOUNTAIN'S Logistics Planner as it conducted OPERATION ANACONDA and other combat operations in Afghanistan. He would later serve as the Division Support Command's S-4, and then as Executive Officer, 710th Main Support Battalion at Fort Drum, New York.

Colonel Burke has since served in the Department of the Army's, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4 as a Logistics Readiness Officer, as Executive Officer to the Deputy G-4, and later as a Strategic Planner in the Army G-4's Initiatives Group. He subsequently commanded the, 8th Special Troops Battalion, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Prior to his most recent assignment, he served as a Distribution Action Officer, and as the Chief of Strategic Communication, for the Joint Staff's Logistics Directorate (J-4).

COL Burke is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Quartermaster Officer Transition Course, the Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Command and General Staff College, and Senior Service College. His personal awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal. He also wears the Parachutist Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge.

Colonel Burke is married. Together, he and his wife have two sons.

