



U.S. ARMY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND

Lieutenant Colonel Ross M. Hertlein Commander – Army Field Support Battalion-Africa

Lieutenant Colonel Ross M. Hertlein assumed command of the Army Field Support Battalion-Africa June 30, 2024.

LTC Hertlein's previous assignment was division chief for plans, exercises and multi-national logistics at U.S. Southern Command in Doral, Florida.

His other previous assignments include platoon leader, 25th Transportation Company, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; executive officer, 25th Transportation Company, Schofield Barracks; Support Operations Transportation and Material Management officer, 524th Combat Service Support Battalion, Schofield Barracks; company commander, Golf Forward Support Company, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), Bamberg, Germany; operations officer, 173rd BSB, 173rd IBCT (Airborne), Camp Del Din, Italy; Surface Transportation officer, U.S. Army Africa, Vicenza, Italy; aide-de-camp to the commanding general, U.S. Army Africa; Division Transportation officer, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Liberty, North Carolina; Support Operations officer, 307th Brigade Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Liberty; executive officer, 307th Brigade Support Battalion, Fort Liberty; and engagement strategist, Commander's Initiative Group, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort Liberty.



LTC Hertlein's operational deployments include Iraq with the 25th Trans Co, and twice to Afghanistan with the 524th CSSB and the 173rd IBCT (Airborne). He also deployed in support of Operation United Assistance to respond to the Ebola outbreak in Liberia, Africa.

He is a graduate of the Army Transportation Officer Basic Course at Fort Eustis, Virginia, and the U.S. Army Logistics Captains Career Course at Fort Gregg-Adams, Virginia. Additional education includes Command and Staff Course at the Naval War College and Joint Professional Military Education, Phase II, USSOUTHCOM.

LTC Hertlein graduated from the California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California, in 2005 majoring in construction management. He was commissioned through the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps scholarship program.

His awards and decorations include the two Bronze Star Medals, five Meritorious Service Medals, and two Joint Service Commendation Medals, among others.

LTC Hertlein is married, and they have four children.

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