



U.S. ARMY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND

Lieutenant Colonel Waldrell J. Thomas Jr. **Commander, Army Field Support Battalion-Southwest Asia**

Lieutenant Colonel Waldrell J. Thomas Jr. assumed command of the Army Field Support Battalion-Southwest Asia on July 1, 2024.

He previously served as the logistics plans chief, U.S. Army Central Command, at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina.

LTC Thomas enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2003 and served in the 40th Signal Battalion, 11th Signal Brigade at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. He graduated from Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning (known as Fort Moore since 2023), Georgia, and commissioned as a transportation officer.



His previous assignments include: platoon leader and executive officer, Golf Forward Support Company, 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood (known as Fort Cavazos since 2023), Texas; maintenance control officer, 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Cav Division, Fort Hood; commander, Foxtrot Forward Support Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood; movements control officer, 53rd Movement Control Battalion, 7th Transportation Brigade (Expeditionary), 18th Airborne Corps, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia; transportation chief, 7th Transportation Brigade (Expeditionary), 18th Airborne Corps, Joint Base Langley-Eustis; transportation officer, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas; S4 (Logistics) officer, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas; executive officer, Army Field Support Battalion-Riley, 407th Army Field Support Brigade, U.S. Army Sustainment Command, Fort Riley, Kansas; and operational readiness officer, First U.S. Army, Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois.

LTC Thomas has deployed four times in Iraq and Kuwait in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Inherent Resolve.

His military education includes the U.S. Army Signal Basic Course, the Professional Leadership Development Course, the Transportation Officer Basic Course, the Combined Logistics Captains Career Course, Joint Planners Course, the Lean Six-Sigma Course and the Command and General Staff College.

LTC Thomas holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a Master of Arts in management from Webster University.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, the Army Good Conduct Medal, two National Defense Service Medals, four Iraq Campaign Medals, the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon. His unit awards include the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Commendation Combat Action Badge and the Army Parachutist Badge.

LTC Thomas is married and has two children.

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