



Colonel Shari Bennett

Chief of Staff

Colonel Shari Bennett serves as the Chief of Staff for the U.S. Army Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC), the Army Service Component Command to USTRANSCOM and a Major Subordinate Command to the Army Materiel Command. SDDC provides deployment and distribution capabilities to meet national objectives.

Colonel Bennett graduated from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Transportation Corps in 1998. She received her Masters in Logistics and Transportation from American Military University in 2013, her certificate in Supply Chain Management from Saint Louis University in 2015, and her Masters in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College in 2021.



Colonel Bennett's most previous position was as the 51st commander of the Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center. Previous assignments include Chief of Sustainment for 7th Infantry Division, Commander of the Army Field Support Battalion – Lewis and Chief, Mobility Support Operations, 593rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command (Joint Base Lewis McChord, WA); Platoon Leader and Battalion Logistics Officer, 201st Support Battalion (FWD) (Vilseck, Germany); Movement Control Officer, 49th Transportation Battalion (MC) and Commander, 418th Transportation Company, 180th Transportation Battalion (Ft. Hood, TX); Instructor, Basic Officer Leadership Course (Ft. Sill, OK); JOPES Plans Officer, U.S. Army Central Command (Ft. McPherson, GA); Division Transportation Officer, 2d Infantry Division (Camp Red Cloud, ROK); Battalion Executive Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division (Camp Red Cloud, ROK); and Executive Officer for the Director, Strategy, Capabilities, Policy, and Logistics Directorate at the United States Transportation Command (Scott AFB, IL).

Colonel Bennett completed the Transportation Officer's Basic Course, Combined Logistics Captains Career Course, Intermediate Level Education (resident) and the Support Operations Course Phases I and II. She also completed the Total Army Instructor Training Course, Small Group Instructor Course, the Joint Planners Course, Joint Combined Warfighter Course, and the Joint Operational Planning and Execution System Operator's Course.

Colonel Bennett deployed in support of Kosovo Force (1999) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003, 2004, 2009). She was awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Army Achievement Medal, Overseas Service Medal (4), multiple campaign medals, the Order of Saint Maurice, Patron Saint of the U.S. Army Infantry, and the Order of Saint Christopher, Patron Saint of the U.S. Transportation Corps.

Colonel Bennett is married to Mr. Michael Bennett. They have three children.