



Colonel David P. Key

Deputy Commander for Operations

Colonel David Key assumed duties as the Deputy Commander for Operations for the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC), Scott Air Force Base, IL on July 14, 2023.

He received his commission as a Transportation Officer from North Georgia College (University of North Georgia) in 1998 and is a graduate of the Transportation Officer Basic Course, Advanced Officer Course, Command and General Staff College, and the Joint and Combined Warfare School. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from North Georgia College, a Master of Education from the University of Oklahoma, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Army War College.



COL Key enlisted in the Georgia National Guard in 1994 as an Indirect Fire Infantryman. As an officer, his previous non-command assignments include Operations Officer for 30th Movement Control Team in Bamberg, Germany where he deployed with Task Force Hawk to Tirana, Albania in support of the Kosovo Campaign; Platoon Leader for 11th Transportation Company in Mannheim, Germany serving in Macedonia and Kosovo; Assistant Division Transportation Officer for the 3rd Infantry Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom I; Observer/Controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk; Brigade S4 for 4th Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom VII; Executive Officer for 703d Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division; Aide-de-Camp to the Commander, United States Transportation Command; Division Transportation Officer for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) where he served in Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom; and Professor of Military Science at Valley Forge Military College.

His command assignments include Commander, Military Traffic Management Command Rhine River Detachment in Mannheim, Germany; Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart during Operation Iraqi Freedom III; Commander, 11th Transportation Battalion at Fort Story; and Commander, 6th Battalion, 3rd Security Force Assistance Brigade deployed to Afghanistan during Operation Freedom's Sentinel. He assumed command of the 3rd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade in the summer of 2021 and deployed in support of Operations Spartan Shield and Allies Refuge in the Middle East.

COL Key's awards, badges and decorations are consistent with those of most Soldiers who have had the honor to serve the United States over a period of decades and the good fortune to return safely home. He and his wife have been married for over 25 years. They have two children, a daughter and a son.