



## Colonel Frazariel (Fraz) I. Castro

Deputy Commander for Operations

Colonel Castro assumed duties as the Deputy Commander for Operations for the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC), Scott Air Force Base, IL on July 5, 2022.

COL Castro holds a Master of Strategic Studies from the Army War College and a Master of Arts in Management and Leadership from Webster University. He graduated from the University of San Francisco with a Bachelor of Arts in Politics. He is a Distinguished Military Graduate, and he commissioned through the Reserve Officers Training Corps in the Transportation Corps with a branch detail to Air Defense Artillery. His military education includes the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic Course, Fort Bliss, TX; Transportation Officer Branch Qualification Course, Fort Eustis, VA; Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course, Fort Lee, VA; Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, KS; Inspector General Course, Fort Belvoir, VA; Command and General Staff College (Intermediate Leadership Education), Fort Leavenworth, KS; Joint and Combined Warfighting School, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA; and the Army War College, Carlisle, PA.



COL Castro's assignments include: Platoon Leader, Charlie Battery, 2nd Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery (Patriot); Platoon Leader, then Executive Officer, 513th Transportation Company (Line Haul), 44th Corps Support Battalion; and Commander, 22nd Transportation Detachment (Trailer Transfer Point), 44th Corps Support Battalion at Fort Lewis, Washington; Logistics Operations Officer, Support Operations, 21st Theater Support Command at Kaiserslautern, Germany; Commander, 68th Transportation Company (Line Haul), 28th Transportation Battalion at Mannheim, Germany; Inspector General, 26th Area Support Group, Installation Management Agency at Heidelberg, Germany; Support Operations Officer, Corps Distribution Command, 1st Corps Support Command at Fort Bragg, NC with deployment to Balad, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; Plans Officer, G3, 1st COSCOM; then Battalion Executive Officer, 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st Theater Sustainment Command at Fort Bragg, NC with deployment to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; Joint Transportation Plans Officer, then Executive Officer to the Director of Operations and Plans, J3, U.S. Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base, IL; Commander, Army Field Support Battalion-Korea, 403rd Army Field Support Brigade at Camp Casey, Dongducheon, Republic of Korea; Transportation Organizational Integrator, HQDA G-3/5/7 (Force Management), then Chief, Transportation Policy Division, Enterprise Systems, Operations Directorate, HQDA G-43 at the Pentagon; Commander, 599th Transportation Brigade, SDDC at Wheeler Army Airfield, Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii. COL Castro most recently served as the G3, 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Eighth Army at Camp Henry, Daegu, Republic of Korea.

COL Castro's major awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (1 OLC), Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Superior Unit Award, Army Staff Identification Badge, Inspector General Identification Badge, and Parachutist Badge. He is a recipient of both the Honorable and Ancient Order of Saint Christopher.

COL Castro is from the Island of Guam. He is married to Tessa Samson Baptista from Vallejo, California.