



19TH ESC CHIEF OF STAFF

Colonel Fred L. Dela Cruz

Colonel Fred L. Dela Cruz currently serves as Chief of Staff (CoS), 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC). He graduated from Boston University and earned his commission through Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA in 1993. COL Dela Cruz holds a Master of Business Administration from Campbell University.

Command assignments include the Commander, Group Support Battalion 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), at Fort Bragg, North Carolina from 2012 to 2014. This organization contained Logistics, Signal, Advanced Special Forces Training, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, and Military Intelligence capabilities. COL Dela Cruz also served as the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment Rear Detachment Commander, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Key staff assignments include Chief of Plans, Access & Capabilities Division, US Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, and Illinois. He and his team were responsible for global planning efforts supporting all Combatant Commands. COL Dela Cruz also served as the Brigade Operations Officer, 44th Medical Brigade, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom 2011 to 2012; Executive Officer, 782nd Brigade Support Battalion (Airborne), at Fort Bragg; 82nd Airborne Division Medical Operations Center Medical Planner and Combat Health Support Officer in the 307th Forward Support Battalion (Airborne), at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Operations Officer in the 82nd Forward Support Battalion (Airborne), in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from 2002 to 2003.

COL Dela Cruz has multiple deployments to Afghanistan and worked with various Joint and Coalition partners. In his previous assignment, COL Dela Cruz served as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G3 for the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command.

His military education includes the Combined Logistics Captain's Career Course, at Fort Lee, Virginia; the Command and General Staff College, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and as an Army War College Fellow at the Fletcher School, Tuft University.

COL Dela Cruz's awards and decorations include Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with silver oak leaf cluster, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (3 stars), the French Medaille Commemorative - Afghanistan, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Award, and the Army Superior Unit Award. Additionally, COL Dela Cruz earned the Combat Medical Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Royal Australian Parachutist Badge.

COL Dela Cruz is married and has two sons.

