

Colonel Gary D. Whittacre

Commander, 598th Transportation Brigade

Colonel Gary D. Whittacre is a native of Fredericksburg, Virginia. He was commissioned as a Transportation Officer upon successfully completing Army Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

COL Whittacre holds a Master of Strategic Studies from the Army War College and a Master of Business Administration from Columbia University. His military education includes the Transportation Officer Basic Course, Fort Eustis, Virginia; the Combined Logistics Officers Course, Fort Lee, Virginia; the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; the Command and General Staff College (Intermediate Leadership Education); and the Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.



His command and staff assignments include: Platoon Leader and Executive Officer 558th DS/GS Watercraft Maintenance Company, Fort Eustis, Virginia; Brigade Deputy S3, 375th Transportation Group, Port of Shuaiba, Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; Commander, 635th Movement Regulating Detachment, 27th Transportation Battalion, 3rd COSCOM, Wiesbaden, Germany; Commander, HHC, 603rd ASB, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3d Infantry Division (Rock of the Marne), Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia; Brigade S3, 595th Transportation Brigade (SDDC), Port of Shuaiba, Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom; Battalion Executive Officer, 836th Transportation Battalion (SDDC), Busan, South Korea; Secretary to the General Staff, 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Daegu, South Korea; Chief of Operations, DLA Energy – Middle East, Bahrain in support Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Inherent Resolve; Brigade Executive Officer, Materiel Support Command – Korea (MSC-K), Camp Carroll, South Korea; Commander, DLA Distribution Korea, Camp Carroll, South Korea; Commander, 836th Transportation Battalion (SDDC), Yokohama North Dock, Japan. COL Whittacre most recently served as the Deputy G4, United States Army Europe and Africa, Wiesbaden, Germany.

COL Whittacre's combat experience includes seven deployments in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

COL Whittacre's major awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with five Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), the National Defense Service Medal (with bronze service star device), the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal (with four bronze service star devices), the Korean Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (with numeral 12), Defense Meritorious Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Combat Action Badge.

Colonel Whittacre and his wife have two wonderful children.