U.S. ARMY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND

CHRIS LEE

DEPUTY TO THE COMMANDER, BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT



Chris Lee currently serves as the Civilian Executive (Deputy Commander) of Blue Grass Army Depot. In his role as the senior civilian, Lee ensures munitions and chemical defense equipment are readily available to support worldwide full-spectrum military operations. He also ensures safeguards are in place to secure the remainder of the National Chemical Weapons Stockpile until demilitarization is complete. In addition, Lee is responsible for oversight of Operations at Anniston Munitions Center, Anniston Alabama, and Scranton Army Ammunition Plant, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Lee spent his early years in Florida and Guam before his Navy family settled in Silverdale, Washington, where Chris graduated from Central Kitsap High School in 1991. From there, he traveled to Provo, Utah, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Brigham Young University. Following Naval Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida, he was commissioned into the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps in 1997.

Lee's military assignments include Assistant Company Commander and Detachment Officer in Charge with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 in Gulfport, Mississippi, with deployments to Okinawa, Puerto Rico, Dominica and Andros Island, Bahamas; and Engineering Exchange Officer with 823rd Red Horse Squadron in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, with deployments to Italy, Qatar, Uzbekistan, and Afghanistan, where he provided the first boots-on-ground engineering assessments of Afghan Air Bases after 9/11. Following language training at Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, he completed his military career with a split tour as Planning Officer and Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy in 2006. Upon separation from the Navy, Lee was hired as the Supervisory Engineer for Facilities Management and Drydock Engineering at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington. After a year in this position, he was recruited back to NAS Sigonella, Italy to be the Supervisory General Engineer and Project Management and Engineering Branch Head. While there, Lee was selected as the Installation Business Manager, the staff integrator responsible for Strategic Planning, Future Plans, and Financial Management for the base. At the conclusion of his overseas tour, he returned to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard to head the Facilities Management and Planning Branches for the Command. Following this assignment, Lee was again recruited to return to Sigonella to be the Business Manager for the installation. From there he was promoted to be the Deputy Public Works Officer for NAS Sigonella. In 2022, he was selected to his current position.

Lee holds an Associate of Science Degree in Italian from Defense Language Institute, Monterey, California, a Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Brigham Young University, and a Master of Science in Leadership and Management from Western Governor's University, Millcreek, Utah. He is Contracting Level 2 and Facilities Engineering Level 3 certified through Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act.

His numerous military awards include the Navy Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, and the Global War on Terror Service Medal. Lee's Civilian Awards include the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal for his work in Sigonella during the 2011 NATO Operation Unified Protector supporting the liberation of Libya.