



U.S. ARMY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND

Lieutenant Colonel Brian H. Astwood Commander – Army Field Support Battalion-Mannheim

Lieutenant Colonel Brian H. Astwood assumed command of the Army Field Support Battalion-Mannheim on 1 July 2021. He was born in Kingston, Jamaica and grew up in the Bahamas and Miami, Florida.

He attended his first military academy, Florida Air Academy, at the age of 12 in Melbourne, Florida, before joining the Corps of Cadets at The Citadel Military College of South Carolina. While there, he enlisted for three years in the South Carolina Army National Guard as an 11B Light Infantryman in 1997. Upon graduation from The Citadel with a Bachelors of Science degree in sports medicine, he was commissioned as an infantry officer.

In 2001, following the completion of Infantry Officer Basic Course, LTC Astwood was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. He served as a rifle platoon leader, Anti-Tank TOW platoon leader, and S-3 Air. In March 2004 he deployed as the 2-27 Infantry Battalion S4 to Orgun-E Fire Base in Paktika Province, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was then attached to the New Zealand Defense Force, Bamian Provincial Reconstruction Team, Northern Afghanistan, in October 2004 as a liaison officer and Commander's Emergency Response Program project manager. Upon redeployment in April 2005, he continued his duties in 2-27 IN BN as the Battalion S4. In 2006 LTC Astwood deployed to Kirkuk, Iraq, for 16 months in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and was assigned to the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry's Brigade Special Troops Battalion internally sourced Military Transition Team as the logistics advisor to 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division of the Iraqi Army. At the end of the deployment he attended the Combined Logistics Captain's Career Course in January 2008 at Fort Lee, Virginia, and returned to 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. In July 2008 he was assigned to 325th Brigade Support Battalion as the Support Operations supply and services officer. LTC Astwood then stood up H Company, 325 BSB and deployed again to Kirkuk, Iraq, in October 2008 as a forward logistic element commander. Six months into the deployment, the Forward Logistics Element mission ended and LTC Astwood took command of G Forward Support Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment. After 22 months of total command time both in combat and garrison, LTC Astwood was selected to attend the yearlong Theater Logistician's Course at Fort Lee, Virginia, which certified him as an operational level logistics planner and earned him a master's degree in logistics management. In January 2012, LTC Astwood was assigned as a planner in V Corps' G4 Transportation Office at Wiesbaden Army Airfield in Germany and later deployed as the deputy and chief of operations for a security forces assistance team in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. On return from the 11-month tour, LTC Astwood attended Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and graduated in June 2014. He was then assigned as the 426th Brigade Support Battalion executive officer and then the brigade support operations officer for the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). In 2016 he was assigned as a military advisor to the Saudi Arabian National Guard for a year before being selected as the executive officer to the program manager and commanding general for Office of the Program Manager, Saudi Arabian National Guard Modernization Program. In 2018, LTC Astwood was assigned to U.S. Army Europe and Africa G4 as the chief of operations and later was assigned as the USAREUR-AF G4 chief of plans.



LTC Astwood's awards and decorations include two Bronze Star Medals, the Distinguished Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Combat Action Badge, the Expert Infantry Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

LTC Astwood is married and has one son.

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