

COLONEL STEPHEN E. FARMEN

COMMANDER

598th TRANSPORTATION GROUP (SDDC)

Colonel Stephen E. Farmen received a Bachelor's Degree in History from the University of Richmond, Virginia and was commissioned (1986) as a Transportation Corps Lieutenant through the ROTC program.

He just completed a Senior Service College Fellowship at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) as the first military fellow at MIT's Center for Transportation and Logistics. Prior to his fellowship, he attended the Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va. Before that, he served (2006-2007) as Deputy Cdr, 29th Support Group, Kaiserslautern, Germany and (2004-2006) as Cdr, 28th Transportation Battalion (Multi-functional), Mannheim, Germany – deploying for one year as Cdr, Logistics Task Force 28/Operation Iraqi Freedom (05-07). Prior to battalion command he served in the Pentagon (2001-2004) on The Joint Staff (J4/Logistics), where he performed duties as an action officer in Deployment Division and Logistics Strategy and Readiness Division, and served as J4 liaison officer on the Crisis Action Team in the National Military Command Center. He concluded his Pentagon tour as Executive Assistant to the Director for Logistics/J4. Preceding his assignment to the Pentagon he attended the Naval War College (2000-2001) where he received a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. Before that, he served (1995-2000) in Germany doing multiple duties: three years on the United States Army Europe (USAREUR) staff in G-4/Logistics, Heidelberg, Germany - serving as a Transportation Staff Officer and Branch Chief for Movements and Deployments Branch/Plans, Operations, Movements Division; followed by a year as Executive Officer for the G-4, USAREUR. He completed his tour in Germany as Battalion S3 and XO for 28th Transportation Battalion, 37th Transportation Command (TRANSCOM), 21st Theater Support Command (TSC).



Other key assignments include: Platoon Leader, 497th Transportation Company, 80th Ordnance Battalion, 593d Area Support Group and Battalion S1, 99th Forward Support Battalion (FSB), 9th Infantry Division (MTZ) both in Ft. Lewis, Washington; Battalion S3 Trans/Plans OIC, 7th Transportation Battalion, 1st Corps Support Command (COSCOM) during Desert Storm; Company Commander, Delta Company (TMT) ABN, 407th Supply & Transport Battalion then 782d Main Support Battalion (MSB), Division Support Command (DISCOM), 82D Airborne Division; and Battalion S3, 782 MSB, 82D Airborne Division, Ft Bragg, NC.

Colonel Farmen's decorations and badges include: the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Superior Unit Award, Senior Parachutist Badge, and the Joint Staff Identification Badge.



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