

Lt. Col. Joseph “Clete” Goetz

Commander, 15th Engineer Battalion

Lt. Col. Joseph “Clete” Goetz was commissioned into the U.S. Army as an Engineer Officer following graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1997.

His previous assignments include: Platoon Leader in the 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat)(Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Assistant Division Engineer Plans Officer and Commander, 642nd Engineer Company (CSE), 41st Engineer Battalion, Fort Drum, New York; Assistant Plans Officer, Coalition Task Force Mountain, Bagram, Afghanistan; Project Manager and Deputy District Commander, U.S. Army Engineer District, Buffalo, NY; Plans Officer and Brigade Operations Officer, 20th Engineer Brigade (Combat)(Airborne Corps), Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and, Defeat the Device Branch Chief, Joint IED Defeat Organization, Washington, DC.



Lt. Col. Goetz earned a Bachelors of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the United States Military Academy. In 2001, he was awarded a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla. In 2006, he earned a Master of Science Degree in Construction Engineering and Project Management from the University of Texas at Austin. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in Missouri and a Project Management Professional.

Lt. Col. Goetz’s military education includes the United States Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas and the Engineer Officer Basic and Career Courses, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

His awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Joint Services Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), and the Afghanistan and Iraq Campaign medals. He has also earned the Ranger Tab, Sapper Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge.

His operational deployments include Operation Enduring Freedom in 2002, Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, Joint Task Force-Hope (New Orleans, LA) in 2007, Joint Task Force-Haiti in 2010 and Operation New Dawn in 2011.