



Colonel Russell A. Henderson
Deputy Commanding Officer - 7th Civil Support Command

Colonel Russell A. Henderson is a 1987 graduate of the California State University at San Luis Obispo and was commissioned as an Air Defense Artillery officer in the Army Reserve in June 1986. He served as an Air Defense Artillery officer for thirteen years before transferring to the Civil Affairs branch.

Col. Henderson has served in a variety of training and operations/plans positions within the Army Reserve including Training Officer, Executive Officer, and Company Commander in a basic training battalion and then as a Combat Arms and Combat Support Observer/Trainer in the 91st Division (Exercise). Upon his transfer to the Civil Affairs branch he completed the officer qualification courses for Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations and was then assigned as the Plans Officer for the 351st Civil Affairs Command, Mountain View, Calif., specializing in Civil Affairs support to the Korean Peninsula. His next assignment was with the 364th Civil Affairs Brigade, Portland, Ore., where he served as the Operations Officer. During this assignment, he deployed to Afghanistan in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM and served as the Director of Civil Military Operations (CJ9) for Combined Joint Task-Force-76 with the 10th Mountain Division from April 2006 to February 2007.

Upon his return from Afghanistan, then Lt. Col. Henderson was then assigned to U.S. Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Va., as the Force Rotation Planner for Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations (J3/4) from August 2007 to September 2009. During this assignment, he attended the Army War College (Distance Education), later graduating in 2010.

Upon his promotion to Colonel, Col. Henderson was assigned to the Operations Directorate at the Joint Warfighting Center, J7, U.S. Joint Forces Command, Suffolk, Va., as team lead for the Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations functional branch. In June 2011 he became the Operations, Plans, and Training Officer (G3/7) for the 7th Civil Support Command, in Kaiserslautern, Germany. In May 2013, Col. Henderson became Deputy Commanding Officer, of the 7th Civil Support Command

Col. Henderson is a graduate of the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Civil Affairs Officer Advanced Course, the Psychological Operations Officers Course, the Command and General Staff Officers College, and has a Master's degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pa.

Col. Henderson has received numerous American and foreign awards and decorations including the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with one oak leaf cluster), the Army Commendation Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and numerous others, including the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, and the NATO medal.

Col. Henderson is married to Kimberly Henderson, who is a civilian employee of the European Regional Medical Command in Landstuhl, Germany.