

# SENIOR LEADER BIOGRAPHY

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COL Ford is the Comptroller, United States European Command, in Stuttgart, Germany. He is an Army officer with over 13 years experience in financial management, program management and analysis, budget, and manpower. COL Ford is experienced in all phases of Planning, Programming, Budgeting and Execution. He provides advice on funding and manpower, including requirements integration into the Future Years Defense Program (FYDP). He is married to Debbie Ford and has two girls, Julianna (age 9) and Isabella (age 8).



Prior to assuming his present position, COL Ford served as Senior Military Assistant for Programs & Budget to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASD) for Force Development in Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (OUSD) - Policy. He was responsible for developing, coordinating, and integrating the analysis behind the force planning construct in the 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR), the primary author of the FY11-15 Defense Planning and Programming Guidance (DPPG) and coordinated OUSD Policy's integration and participation in the program budget review.

COL Ford began his career in 1986 as a combat engineer officer. He served in positions of increasing responsibility; as a battle captain in the 24<sup>th</sup> Mechanized Division during Desert Storm, commanding two engineer companies, and activated the Corps of Engineer Prime Power Battalion. He also deployed as part of DoD's military support to FEMA for the Northridge Earthquake, Hurricanes Opal and Emily, the 1996 Presidential Inauguration and the 1994 World Cup.

In 1998, COL Ford was selected to branch transfer into the Comptroller career field. He was first assigned to U.S. Army South where as the Chief of the Mission Support Branch, then Chief Program Budget Branch and deployed as the J-8 for Operation Aquila funding Hurricane Mitch relief efforts in Central America. He was chosen for the Army's inaugural Training with Industry (TWI) Fellow program, where he was a R&D business line controller for Motorola. COL Ford served as the Budget Officer for the U.S. Army Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Office, and the Comptroller for the Southern European Task Force (SETAF) where he deployed to Afghanistan as the CJ-8 for Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) VI.

COL Ford has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Indiana State University (1986); a Master Business Administration, Strayer University, Washington, DC (1996); and Masters of National Strategy Resourcing, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, DC (2008).