



U.S. ARMY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND

Colonel Mark A. Paget Commander, 401st Army Field Support Brigade

Colonel Mark A. Paget assumed command of the 401st Army Field Support Brigade headquartered in Afghanistan September 2012 where he commands Army Materiel Command's face to the field consisting of more than 50,000 Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and contractors executing missions across the Combined Joint Operations Area-Afghanistan. He grew up in Orange, California and enlisted in the Regular Army in 1984. After One Station Unit Training at Fort Bliss, he served in the Federal Republic of Germany at Kitzingen with the 3rd Infantry Division as a Stinger Gunner and Team Chief. He then attended Arizona State University, earned a Bachelors of Arts degree in History and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Regular Army as an ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate.



Colonel Paget served as a platoon leader in the 2nd Transportation Company (HET) during Desert Shield/Storm and eventually became Company Commander for the unit in Friedberg, Germany. He then served an unaccompanied tour in Kuwait as the Transportation Officer for ARCENT Training and Security Assistance. In 1994, Colonel Paget returned to Germany and served with the 27th Movement Control Battalion, deploying to Hungary and established the Rail Movement Operations Center with the Ministry of Defense in Budapest for Operation Enduring Freedom. Colonel Paget subsequently assumed command of the 515th Transportation Company at Slavonski Brod, Croatia in support of IFOR and redeployed with the company to Mannheim in December 1996. Following company command, he served with the 39th MCB as Commander for Movement Control Team Mannheim. Colonel Paget returned home to his native California in 1998 and served as the Newport Beach Recruiting Company Commander. After LEDC and CGSC, Colonel Paget reported for duty with the 1st COSCOM at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and served as Assault Command Post SPO. This was followed by deployment to OIF II as the 7th Transportation Battalion XO at Balad, Iraq in 2004. After deployment, he served as an Exchange Officer in England with the Defence Transport and Movements Agency from 2005-2007. Immediately upon return to the United States, COL assumed command of the 180th Transportation Battalion at Fort Hood. He then became Deputy Commander for the 15th Sustainment Brigade and deployed to Q-West, Iraq from 2009-2010. Colonel Paget then moved to Washington, DC in order to attend the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and subsequently served in a Joint assignment with the Navy's Military Sealift Command where he became the Director, N-3/5 (Operations and Plans).

Colonel Paget is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College, Florida Institute of Technology, and National Defense University with MS degrees in Logistics Management and National Resource Strategy.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, the National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, the Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Army Global War on Terror Expeditionary and Service Medals, as well as the NATO Medal, both Saudi Arabia and Kuwait Liberation Medals, and the Army Parachutist Badge.

Colonel Paget is married and they have two sons.

