

Robert J. "Butch" Botters, Jr.
Colonel, United States Army

Colonel Botters is assigned to the Maneuver Center of Excellence as the Deputy Director of the Capabilities Development and Integration Directorate. He received his commission in 1984 as a ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate at the University of Alabama.

A career Infantry Officer, his first assignment was with the 3d Battalion, 187th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Support Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Aide-de-Camp to the Assistant Division Commander for Operations. In 1988, he was assigned to the 197th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) (Separate), Kelley Hill, Fort Benning, Georgia. His duties included two assignments as Assistant Brigade S3, before and after company command; Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm; and Commander, Company A, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry after redeployment to Fort Benning, Georgia.

In June 1993, he was selected as an Intern with the Joint Staff, J5 Directorate, European Division, Central and East European Branch. After this first tour in Washington, he was as a student at the United States Army Command and General Staff College with a follow on assignment to the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS). After CGSC and SAMS, the Botters' family returned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) as Assistant G3 for Operations, with duty as the Officer in Charge of the Airborne Assault Command Post; Operations Officer for the 3d Brigade; and Battalion Executive Officer for the 3d Battalion, 187th Infantry. The family returned to the Washington D.C. area with the U.S. Army Total Army Personnel Command (PERSCOM) where he served as the Infantry Branch Lieutenant Colonel's Assignment Officer, and Chief of the Command Branch.

In April 2001, he assumed command of the 1st Battalion 18th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division, in Schweinfurt Germany and deployed the battalion to Kosovo with the 2d Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. The Battalion conducted operations as a multi-national task force with an assignment of a company of British, Finnish, and Swedish soldiers at Camp Magrath in the Vitina Municipality of the Multi-National Brigade (East) Sector, May to November 2002 before redeploying to Schweinfurt, Germany.

In June 2003, he was assigned as the V Corps Chief of Plans and deployed from Heidelberg, Germany to join V Corps and Combined Joint Task Force Seven (CJTF-7) in Camp Victory, Baghdad, Iraq. He remained in Iraq and Kuwait until April 2004 and redeployed to Heidelberg until his assignment to the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania in 2005. COL Botters was assigned as the Operations Officer (G3) & Director of Training for the MCoE from June 2006 until June 2009. In June 2009 he was assigned to the United States Multi-National Security Transition Command & United States Forces-Iraq in Baghdad, Iraq where he served for 13 months as the Military Advisor to His Excellency Abdul Qader Mohammed Jassim, the Minister of Defence, Iraq. He redeployed to Fort Benning in July 2010.

COL Botters is a graduate of the United States Army War College, United States Army School for Advanced Military Studies & the Command and General Staff College, the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Course, Airborne, Ranger, Air Assault, and Bradley Fighting Vehicle Leader Course.

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- Assigned to the MCoE 01 August 2010

Duty Description:

- Serves as Chief of Staff for the U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE).
- Serves as Deputy Director for the Capabilities Development Integration Directorate

Previous Assignments:

- Military Advisor to the Minister of Defence , Iraq from JUN 2009- JUL 2010.
- G3/ Director of Training US Army Infantry School / Center & MCoE from JUN 2006-JUN 2009.
- Chief of Plans US Army V Corps with duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom 1 Combined Joint Task Force – 7 (CJTF-7) JUN 2003-JUN 2005 .
- Commander, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry , 1st Infantry Division (Germany) with duty in Kosovo Force Rotation 4-A.

Education:

- U.S. Army War College
- School for Advanced Military Studies
- Command and General Staff College
- MS Strategic Studies
- MA Military Arts and Sciences
- BA, International Relations