



Colonel William (Bill) Bailey
Commander – PARC EUROPE
409th Contracting Support Brigade



COL William (Bill) Bailey is a native of Los Angeles, California. He enlisted in the Army in 1982 as an Infantry Soldier with assignments to the 24th Infantry Division and the Southern European Task Force in Vicenza, Italy. He transferred to the Reserves as a Sergeant in 1986 and served in both the Army Reserve and the California National Guard while attending College. He was commissioned as a Distinguished Military Graduate in 1988. He graduated from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona in 1990. He earned a Regular Army Commission and was branched Ordnance with a two year detail to the Infantry.

COL Bailey is the commander of the 409th Contracting Support Brigade headquartered in Kaiserslautern, Germany. He has served as the Executive Officer to the Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology). Previously, he was a Senior Service College Fellow at the University of Texas at Austin and the Commander, 902d Contingency Contracting Battalion.

His Critical Acquisition Assignments were as a Contracting Team Leader and the Deputy Office Chief in Vicenza, Italy. Immediately prior to the onset of Operation Iraqi Freedom he deployed with the 1st Infantry Division Forward to Turkey. While there he was selected to deploy with the 173d Airborne Brigade to Iraq as their Contracting Officer. During this time he established the Contracting Office in Kirkuk, Iraq. He deployed again in 2004 as the Chief of the Joint Contracting Center at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo. In 2007, he activated and took command of the 902d Contingency Contracting Battalion at Fort Lewis, Washington. While commanding the Battalion he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and served as both the Battalion Commander and the Chief of Operations for PARC-Afghanistan in 2009.

COL Bailey's education includes a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, a Master of Public Administration and a Master of Science in Acquisition and Contract Management. He is a graduate of both the Command and General Staff College and the Army Senior Service College Fellowship Program. He is DAWIA Level III Certified in Contracting and is fluent in Italian.

His awards include the Combat Action Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, Basic Parachutist Badge, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (6 OLC), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Humanitarian Assistance Medal. In 2004 he received the Contracting Command Europe's Professional of the Year Award and the USAREUR Commanding General's Annual Incentive Award.

COL Bailey is married to the lovely Maddalena (Maddy) Zago. They have been married since April 1986.