LIEUTENANT COLONEL THOMAS R. LUTZ Director, Theater Contracting Center



LTC Thomas Ralph Lutz hails from Rochester, New York. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant as a Signal Corps Officer in 1998 from the University of Dayton, Ohio with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. In 2013, LTC Lutz graduated with distinction from the Naval Postgraduate School located in Monterey, California, earning a Master of Business Administration in Contract Management. That year he also graduated from the National University of Singapore with a Master of Science in Defense Technology Systems as well as graduating from Webster University earning a Master of Arts in Procurement and Acquisitions Management. He is a 2013 graduate with distinction from the U.S. Naval War College Command and Staff Program. LTC Lutz is Acquisition Level III in Contracting.

LTC Lutz's Operational Assignments include: Communications-Electronics Officer, 23d Area Support Group, Camp Humphreys, South Korea; XO,

HHC/173d Airborne Brigade at Vicenza, Italy; S6, 2-503d Infantry Battalion (Airborne), Vicenza, Italy with deployment to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom; S1, 30th Signal Battalion at Wheeler Army Air Field, Hawaii. Company Commander, HHD, 30th Signal Battalion.

In 2007, LTC Lutz was assessed into the Army Acquisition Corps. His Acquisition Corps Assignments include: Contract Specialist, 617th Contingency Contracting Team / RCO Hawaii; Contracting Officer, Theater Wide Requirements Division, Baghdad, Iraq; Team Leader, 617th Contingency Contracting Team, Hawaii; S3, 903d Contracting Battalion, Kaiserslautern, Germany; Chief, Small Purchases Division, Theater Contracting Center, Germany; Chief, Facilities Maintenance Division, Theater Contracting Center, Germany; XO, 903d Contracting Battalion, Germany; Deputy Chief of Contracting, Engineering District Omaha, US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Omaha, NE; District Chief of Contracting, Omaha, NE; Regional Contracting Chief for Northwestern Division, US Army Corps of Engineers.

As Director for the Theater Contracting Center, 409th Contracting Support Brigade, LTC Lutz provides Mission Command for three military Contracting Teams directly supporting USAREUR with Operational Contracting Support and leads over 70 DA and Local National Civilian contracting professionals who award and administer over \$600M annually providing sustainment contracting support to USAG-Rheinland-Pfalz, 21st TSC, IMCOM-E, LRMC and tenant units to include over 65,000 Service members, DA Civilians, and LNs in the Kaiserslautern Military Community.

LTC Lutz's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Overseas Service Ribbon (5), and Parachutist Badge with Bronze Service Star.

LTC Lutz is married and has two children.