



DLA Distribution Europe

Lt. Col. Joseph Bower

Commander



Army Lt. Col. Joseph Bower, a native of Toledo, Ohio, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps upon his graduation from the University of Toledo in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. He is a graduate of the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course, the Combined Logistics Captains Career Course, and the Army Command and General Staff Officer College. He also holds a Master of Business Administration from the College of William and Mary as a 2023 graduate of the MG James Wright Fellowship program.

He assumed command of Defense Logistics Agency Distribution Europe in July 2026. Prior to his current assignment, he served as an Operations Officer and the Strategic Engagements Division Chief for U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, which was later redesignated as the U.S. Army Transformation and Training Command.

His previous assignments include: Distribution Platoon Leader and Executive Officer, B Company, 70th Brigade Support Battalion, Camp Casey, Republic of Korea; Executive Officer, 549th Quartermaster Company, Fort Carson, Colorado; Supply Management Officer, 68th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, Fort Carson; Deputy Brigade S4 and Budget Officer, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas; Commander, Delta Forward Support Company, 5-4 Cavalry Squadron, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division; Strategic Engagements Division Chief, U.S. Army South, San Antonio, Texas; Battalion Executive Officer, 25th Infantry Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Brigade S4, 25th Infantry Division Artillery; and Deputy G4, 25th Infantry Division.

Bower has deployed to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn and has served in various roles supporting exercises and operations in the U.S. Africa, Indo-Pacific, and Southern Command areas of responsibility.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, the Iraq Campaign Medal, and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge (Silver).