



LIEUTENANT COLONEL Kari K. Otto
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Lieutenant Colonel Kari K. Otto was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1989; graduating from Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado in 1991. The Distinguished Military Graduate earned a Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in Biology and Equine Science. In 2002, LTC Otto earned both a Masters of Science degree in Engineering Management and a Masters of Business Administration from St. Martin's College in Lacey, Washington. Her military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced courses, Combined Arms Services Staff School, and Command and General Staff College.

LTC Otto served in numerous command and staff positions in the United States and overseas. She began her career at Fort Carson, Colorado with the 52nd Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) serving as a Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Adjutant and Assistant S3. She then deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba with the 43rd Area Support Group and served as the Group Project Engineer. After completing the Advanced Course, LTC Otto deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina as the Battalion Maintenance Officer for the 16th Engineer Battalion (Mechanized). She was then assigned to Fort Carson with the 52nd Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) as the Assistant S3 and later the Company Commander for A/52nd, where she and her company deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina. Following command, LTC Otto was assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington with the 3/364th Training Support Battalion serving as an OC/T and Battalion S3. Following CGSC, LTC Otto was the Director, Public Works in Schweinfurt, Germany with the 280th Base Support Battalion. She served her most recent assignment as the US Army Corps of Engineers, Afghanistan Engineer District, Resident Engineer in Herat, Afghanistan.

LTC Otto's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC), and the National Defense Service Medal. LTC Otto also earned the Parachutist Badge.