

## COLONEL MIKE SIEGL



### What's Important to Mike Siegl

We all have defining moments in our lives. For Colonel Mike Siegl, it was a helicopter crash in February 1999. While two pilots were killed, the three passengers including Mike survived. In a crash that lasted just a few minutes but seemed like an eternity, Mike recognized four things. First, he realized that he did not control his destiny.



And so, he found faith. Second, Mike realized he had never told his parents he loved them. Since then, he has taken every opportunity to tell them he loves them. Third, he

realized he wanted to get married, and he married his hero, Sura. Together, they have a wonderful son, Nathan. And, finally, Mike realized he needed to be a part of something much greater and larger than himself. It needed to be something with a purpose--which is why he is still serving in the United States Army today. That experience has guided how he lives his life, framed around faith, personal growth, family and relationships, and career.

### Experience, Education, Awards, and Articles

Prior to becoming the 57th Quartermaster General and Commandant, Colonel Mike Siegl served as the Deputy Director for Readiness, Strategy, and Operations in Department of the Army (DA), G4 (Logistics). From 2020-2021, Mike was Executive Officer (XO) to the Army Materiel Command (AMC) Commanding General (CG) and the Director, CG's Initiatives Group (CIG) at AMC. From 2018-2020, Mike served as the Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Sustainment) and as the XO to the DA G4 (Logistics).

Following his year at Harvard University as a national security fellow in 2014, Mike took command of a brigade (403d Army Field Support Brigade) from 2015 to 2017. The organization has responsibility for the Army's strategic and operational sustainment operations in Korea and Japan. Leading an organization in Asia was somewhat of a homecoming. Mike had lived in Asia in Korea, Thailand, and Singapore (graduating high school from the Singapore American School).

In 2013, he served as the aide-de-camp to the CG, AMC. Previously, in 2011-2013, he served as the battalion commander of 296th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB), 3-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT).

During the SBCT's deployment to Afghanistan in 2012, Mike's battalion provided sustainment support to an area the size of West Virginia. During that deployment, his Soldiers drove a total of about 25,000 miles. Since the earth is 24,900 miles in circumference, the Soldiers drove the equivalent of around the world in treacherous terrain in support of the brigade combat team. Prior to command of 296BSB, Mike had been the Deputy G4 in the 2d Infantry Division (2ID) in Korea in 2010.

Mike was the battalion executive officer for the 204th BSB, 2/4 Heavy Brigade Combat Team (HBCT) in 2007 and support operations officer while deployed to Iraq in 2008. Mike helped develop and execute the HBCT's logistics support plan including the brigade's movement from south of Baghdad to Basra in the south. He served on the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) as the Military Assistant to the Director of Logistics (J4), JCS, Pentagon from 2005 to 2006. He also served in the Army Human Resources Command (HRC) as an assignment officer and Secretary of the General Staff (2002-2004).

From 1996 to 1999 and 2000 to 2002, Mike served in 2ID, Korea. He served in various positions during his time north of Seoul. His positions included time as the assistant DISCOM S1 (personnel officer), platoon leader, company commander, battalion S4 (logistics officer) and S3 (operations officer) in the 302d Forward Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team. He also served as an aide-de-camp to the Assistant Division Commander (Support), 2ID.

Mike holds a bachelor's degree from Stanford University in history and a master's degree from Georgetown University in policy management.

His military awards include the Legion of Merit (six awards), the Bronze Star Medal (two awards), and the Meritorious Service Medal (six awards). He is airborne and parachute rigger (aerial delivery) qualified.

Mike has written and published several articles on various topics that have interested him including: "Realigning the Army's Ethical Compass" (Military Review); "Military Culture and Transformation" (Joint Forces Quarterly); "Clarity and Culture in Stability Operations" (Military Review); "Sustaining a BCT in Southern Iraq" (Army Sustainment); and "Understanding the Supply Chain Operations Reference Model" (Army Logistician).