

# LTC Matthew C. Rivera

Lieutenant Colonel Matthew C Rivera (Matt) is a native of Topsham, Maine. He graduated from The University of Maine in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering and was commissioned as a Regular Army Second Lieutenant into the Transportation Corps. LTC Rivera's military schooling includes the Transportation Officer Basic Course, the Combined Logistics Captains Career Course (CLC3) and, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC). He also holds an MBA in Supply Chain Management from the University of Kansas.

LTC Rivera's first duty station was at the Rhine Ordnance Barracks Kaiserslautern, Germany where he served as a Cargo Transfer platoon leader in the 251st Cargo Transfer Company within the 21st TSC, 29th support group. LTC Rivera deployed his CTC platoon to Afghanistan in 2005-2006 and returned to assume the Company Executive Officer position.

After CLC3, LTC Rivera deployed to OIF in 2007-2008 as a member of a Military Transition Team (MITT) to advise logistics for the Iraqi Forces. He then moved to Hawaii to command a support company within the 25th ID CAB. LTC Rivera deployed to Iraq with the CAB from 2009-2010 and then applied and was accepted to 160th SOAR at Fort Campbell, KY from 2011-2013. LTC Rivera deployed with 160th SOAR multiple times between the years of 2011-2013.

After CGSC, he was assigned to Fort Eustis, VA with SDDC, 597th Transportation Brigade, 833rd TC BN as the Rapid Port Opening Element Commander (RPOE) and later deployed his RPOE to Liberia in support of the Ebola Crisis in 2014. LTC Rivera returned and assumed the Battalion Executive Officer position of the 833rd TC BN under the 597th TC BDE, SDDC. LTC Rivera then moved to Vicenza, Italy and served on the USARAF G4 staff as the Chief of Surface Mobility and the Deputy Chief of Air Operations collectively from 2016-2019. LTC Rivera's last assignment was with the 82nd ABN DIV as the SUST BDE SPO from 2019-2021.

LTC Rivera's awards include the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with 1 silver leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and NATO Medal. He has also earned the Ranger Tab and Combat Action Badge.

LTC Rivera is married to Kristen Zrebiec.