

United States Army
Chief of Staff
David C. Welch

Colonel
First Army Division East
Fort Knox, Kentucky



Colonel David C. Welch graduated from East Tennessee State University with a BA degree in Marketing. He commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry.

After graduating from the Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, COL Welch was assigned to 1st Battalion 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade 3 ID. He served as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Mortar Platoon Leader, HHC Company Executive Officer and Battalion S4. Following his tour on Kelly Hill, he attended the Infantry Officer Career Course. COL Welch was stationed at FT Campbell, Kentucky. He commanded Delta Company 1st Battalion 187th Infantry Regiment. He deployed to Pakistan and Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom December 2001. After Company Command, COL Welch served as the Brigade S3 Air, 3rd Brigade 101st Airborne. He deployed February 2003 for the invasion of Iraq. Upon his return from Iraq, COL Welch was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He served as an operation officer in the Battle Command Training Program. When COL Welch was promoted to Major, he was selected to be a FA43 (Human Resource) which later merged with AG Branch. COL Welch moved to Fort Hood Texas to serve as the Brigade S1 for the 2nd Brigade 1st Cavalry Division. He deployed to Iraq in October 2006. Following the deployment, COL Welch was assigned to Human Resources Command to serve as a Human Resources Operations/Integrations Officer with Field Service Division. His next assignment returned him to Fort Hood to serve as the Deputy G1 for the 1st Cavalry Division. He deployed in March 2011 to Afghanistan where he served as the Deputy J1 for Combined Joint Task Force -1 and Regional Command – East. Upon his return from Afghanistan, COL Welch was assigned to III Corps to serve as the Deputy G1. In 2013 COL Welch was assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia to Command the 30th Adjutant General Reception Battalion. Following Battalion Command, COL Welch served as the Adjutant General Branch Chief for OPMD, Human Resources Command at Fort Knox, KY. COL Welch's most recent assignment was the Commander of 7th Brigade U.S. Army Cadet Command prior to becoming the Division East Chief of Staff.

COL Welch's education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advance Courses, the Human Resources Qualifications Course, the Intermediate Level Education the Center for Creative Leadership and the Army War College.

COL Welch's military decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal (2OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (OLC), the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.