



Lieutenant Colonel Eloy Martinez

Commander, 833d Transportation Battalion

Lieutenant Colonel Eloy Martinez is a native of Houston, Texas. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves as a UH-60 Blackhawk crew chief, in 1992, and transitioned from the Army Reserves to active duty in March of 1993. He achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant before attending Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he was commissioned as a Transportation Officer.

Lieutenant Colonel Eloy Martinez earned an Associates of Applied Science degree from San Jacinto College in Pasadena, Texas, a Bachelor's of Science in Business from Troy University, and a Master of Science in Business – Supply Chain Management from the University of Kansas. He is a graduate of the Transportation Officer Basic Course, Fort Eustis, Virginia; the Combined Logistics Captains Career Course, Fort Lee, Virginia; the Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and the Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia.



Lieutenant Colonel Martinez's first assignment was with the 5/101st Aviation Battalion at Fort Campbell, KY; where he deployed to Somalia for OPERATION RESTORE HOPE and OPERATION CONTINUE HOPE. He also served at Fort Benning, GA and in Hanau, Germany. His first Officer assignment was at Fort Benning, GA as a Heavy Equipment Transport (HET) Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in 2001. LTC Martinez was assigned to the 53rd Movement Control Battalion at Fort McPherson, GA in 2004 to serve as the Highway Traffic Division Chief. He moved to Savannah, GA in 2007 to serve as the 3/160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR) Airborne (A) Battalion S4 before moving to Fort Campbell, KY to serve as the 1/160th SOAR (A) Support Operations Officer and Battalion S4, the Combined Joint Special Operations Air Component (CJSOAC) J4, and the 160th SOAR (A) Regiment S4 until 2014. LTC Martinez moved to Fort Bragg, NC to serve as the Deputy Logistics Operations Officer and Plans Officer for the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC). LTC Martinez moved to Fort Leavenworth, KS to serve as an Assistant Professor at the Army's Command and General Staff College from 2017 to 2020 before assuming Command of the 833D Transportation Battalion (SDDC). LTC Martinez has completed eight combat tours in Somalia, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Lieutenant Colonel Martinez's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 OLC); Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC); Army Achievement Medal (3 OLC); Air Force Meritorious Unit Award (2 OLC); Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award); National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star Device; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Star Device; Iraq Campaign Medal with two Bronze Star Devices; Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War On Terrorism Service Medal; NCO Professional Development Ribbon (2nd Award); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Ribbon; UN Operations in Somalia Medal; NATO Medal; Army Senior Air Crewmember Badge, Parachutist Badge; and Air Assault Badge.

Lieutenant Colonel Martinez lives with his wife, Jennifer, and his daughter, Corina. His son, Eion, is currently serving in the U.S. Navy in Okinawa, Japan.