

Biography

LTC Laura E. Steele was born in Johnson City, Tennessee. She enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1985 as an administrative specialist. In 1989, she joined the ROTC program at East Tennessee State University. LTC Steele was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Military Police Corps on May 4, 1991. She received a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from East Tennessee State University.



Upon her commission, she was assigned to the 304th Military Police Company in Bluefield, West Virginia. She served as a Military Police Platoon Leader in the 304th Military Police Company from June 1992 through September 1997. She was assigned as the unit's mobilization and movement officer during this time. In July 1996, she deployed with her Military Police Company to Heidelberg, Germany. She served as the Detachment Commander, as well as a Platoon Leader while deployed. In October of 1997, she joined the 280th Rear Operations Center (ROC) in Hanau, Germany where she served as the unit's Chemical Officer. In September of 1998, she became a Plans Officer in the 280th Rear Operations Center which relocated to Mannheim, Germany. She was the Officer-In-Charge of the Terrain Management and Area Damage Control section in the V Corps, G-3 Rear. In June 2001, she was assigned to the 2/345th Regiment at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, which is a Training Support Battalion. She served as the Battalion's S1/Adjutant until January 2003. In January 2003, she was assigned to the Military Police (MP) team as an MP Observer, Controller/Trainer (OC/T). From October 2004 through March 2006, she was assigned to the 7th ARCOM in the RTU and worked in the G-3 as a Plans Officer. LTC Steele served as the 7th ARCOM Provost Marshal from April 2006 to December 2006. From December 2006 to January 2009, she was the HHC Commander for the 7th Civil Support Command in Kaiserslautern, Germany. From February 2009 to March 2012, LTC Steele was assigned to the 81st Regional Support Command (RSC) as a Force Integration Officer in the Plans Analysis and Integration section. From March 2012 to December 2012 she served as the Plans and Operations Division Chief at the 310th Personnel Center (HRSC). From December 2012 to February 2015, LTC Steele served as the Battalion commander of the 535th Military Police Battalion located in Cary, NC. LTC Steele is currently serving as the Public Affairs Officer for the 81st RSC at Fort Jackson, SC.

LTC Steele is a graduate of the Military Police Officer Basic Course, Military Police Captain's Career Course, Combined Arms Exercise Course and the Command and General Staff College. She also completed the NBC Defense Course, Observer/Controller Trainer Course, Military Pay Course, Advanced Force Management Course, Antiterrorism Level III Course, the Army Management Staff College's Civilian Advanced Course and the Public Affairs Qualification Course.

Her awards include two Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Commendation medals, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with the "M" device, the Bronze German Armed Forces Efficiency Badge and various other service medals.

LTC Steele resides in Columbia, SC and is the Director of Emergency Services with the 81st RSC at Fort Jackson, SC.



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