

516th Theater Signal Brigade Change of Command



Historic Palm Circle, Ft. Shafter, HI
30 June 2023 | 1000hrs

Sequence of Events

Opening Remarks

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Invocation

Arrival of Official Party

National Anthem

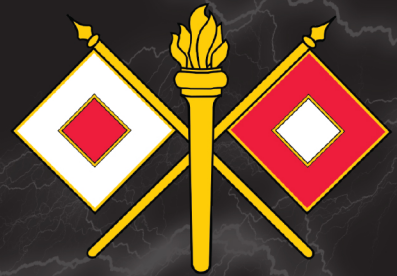
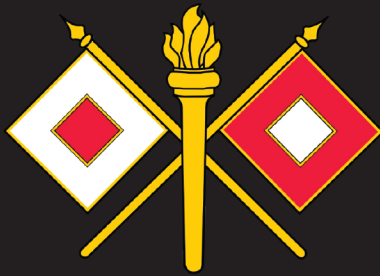
Passing of the Colors

Remarks

The Signal Corps March

The Army Song

Conclusion



Insignia

This product is the unit crest for the 516th Signal Brigade. The unit's motto, "Voice Of The Pacific," is emblazoned along the top of the design. The orange lightning flashes allude to the unit's Signal designation. The color blue represents the water of the Pacific ocean. The traditional spears are adapted from the state seal of Hawaii, the home state of this unit.



Patch

Orange and white, branch colors of the Signal Corps, A pair of lightning flashes symbolize communications and electronics; when crossed they indicate strength. The flashes also form the outline of orange arrowheads pointing to the center to suggest processing of signals and signal communications. An upright spears denotes the combat aspect of the unit's missions and alludes to the unit's aggressiveness and its combat heritage.



311th Signal Command (Theater)
Commanding General
Brigadier General Kevin Meisler

Brigadier General Meisler graduated LaSalle University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1994, commissioning as a Second Lieutenant through the Reserve Officer Training Corps. He began his career as an Armor Platoon Leader with the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Casey, South Korea. Brigadier General Meisler transitioned to the U.S. Army Reserve in 1999.

Brigadier General Meisler assumed command of the 311th Signal Command (Theater) at Fort Shafter, Hawaii on 15 July 2022. Brigadier General Meisler has commanded at all levels to include Commanding General, 4th Expeditionary Sustainment Command in JBSA Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Group Commander, 211th Regional Support Group in Corpus Christi, Texas; Battalion Commander, 257th Transportation Battalion (Movement Control) in Gainesville, Florida and Bagram, Afghanistan; Battalion Commander, 2d Battalion, 485th Regiment in Orlando, Florida; Company Commander, A Company, 2d Battalion, 485th Regiment in Jacksonville, Florida; and Commander, HHD, 5th Brigade (Health Services), 108th Division (Institutional Training) in Jacksonville, Florida.



Other assignments include: Chief of Staff, 335th Signal Command Theater in East Point, Georgia; Deputy Commanding Officer, 4th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics (G4), 84th Training Command; Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations (G3/5/7), 143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary); Joint Ops/Plans Officer, Joint Warfighting Center, USJFCOM; Battalion Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment; Battalion Operations Officer, 2d Battalion, 485th Regiment; Terminal Operations Officer and Vessel Chief, 1186th Transportation Brigade (Terminal); Deputy Director, TRADOC Pre-Command Course; Executive Officer, D Company, 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment; and Platoon Leader, 1st Platoon, C Company, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment.

Brigadier General Meisler is an Army Logistician with the Joint Planner and Operational Contract Support skill identifiers. He is a member of the Transportation Corps Regimental Association and was awarded the Ancient Order of Saint Christopher. He has a Master of Art in Management from Webster University; St. Louis, Missouri, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College; Carlisle, Pennsylvania. BG Meisler is a Certified Project Management Professional (PMP).

Brigadier General Meisler's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (with one Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with eight Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with five Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Achievement Medal (with one Oak Leaf Cluster), the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Commendation Award (2nd Award), the Parachutist Badge and the Air Assault Badge.

Brigadier General Meisler resides in Jacksonville, Florida, with his wife Philomena and they have four children: Mackenzie, Ryan, Abbey and Sean.



516th Theater Signal Brigade Outgoing Commander

Colonel Leonardo “Lee” Adams

Colonel (COL) Lee Adams is a native of Columbus, Georgia. He enlisted in the United States Army in June 1992. He subsequently earned a Green to Gold Scholarship to attend Fort Valley State University, where he matriculated and obtained Distinguished Military Graduate honors. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant into the Signal Corps in May 1999.

His broadening and key developmental assignments include Division Telecommunications Officer and DTAC Signal Officer, 122nd Signal Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Red Cloud, Korea; Platoon Leader, Bravo Company, 125th Signal Battalion, Battalion S6, 125th Military Intelligence Battalion, and Assistant S3, 125th Signal Battalion, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Company Commander, Bravo Company, 447th Signal Battalion, 15th Regimental Signal Brigade, Fort Gordon, Georgia; Battalion S3, HHBN, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, New York; Training with Industry, Lockheed Martin, Gaithersburg, Maryland; Future Operations Planner and Strategic Initiatives Group Planner, Army Cyber Command, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; Deputy Integrated Threat Operations Center (ITOC) Chief, Joint Force Headquarters Cyber, Fort Gordon, Georgia; Brigade S3, 35th Signal Brigade, Fort Gordon, Georgia; Battalion Commander, 50th Signal Battalion, 35th Signal Brigade, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and Signal Officer Branch Chief, Human Resources Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky.



COL Adams' deployments include Liaison Officer, Multinational Division (North), Stabilization Force (SFOR), Eagle Base, Bosnia-Herzegovina; CJ6 Battle Captain, Combined Joint Task Force 76, Operation Enduring Freedom, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan; and Division Network Operations Officer, Multinational Division-South, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Camp Victory, Iraq. During his most recent deployment, he served as the dual-hatted United States Forces – Afghanistan (USFOR-A) J6 and NATO Resolute Support Headquarters (RSHQ) CJ6 during Operation Freedom's Sentinel in Kabul, Afghanistan where he led theater communications planning, integration, and execution during the historic retrograde of U.S. and Coalition military forces.

COL Adams' military education includes Basic Combat Training, Advanced Individual Training, Officer Basic Course, Captains Career Course, Intermediate Level Education, Senior Service College (National War College), Computer Network Operations Planner Course, and the Defense Strategy Course. His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science in Electronic Engineering Technology from Fort Valley State University, a Master of Science in Information Technology from University of Maryland University College, and a Master of Science in National Security Strategy (Cybersecurity Leadership Concentration) from National Defense University. He is also a Certified Information Systems Security Professional.

COL Adams' awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster), NATO Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (C device), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (with numeral 5), NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

COL Adams is married to Dr. Brandy Rogers Adams (Ph.D.) of Warner Robins, Georgia. They have two sons (Dre and David) and three daughters (Candace, Kimberlee and Abigail).



516th Theater Signal Brigade Incoming Commander

Colonel Andrew S. Brokhoff

COL Andrew S. Brokhoff was born in Atlanta, GA, and enlisted in the GA Army National Guard as a 19K, Armor Crewman in 1994. Upon graduation from the University of North Georgia in 1999, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History, he commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps as a Signal Officer, branch detailed to the Field Artillery.

From 2000–2004, after graduating from the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, 3rd Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment at Fort Bragg, NC, where he served as a Company Fire Support Officer attached to 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He then transitioned to the Signal Regiment and was the Company XO at Alpha Company, 82nd Signal Battalion. He then served as a Battalion S-6 at the 3-4 Air Defense Artillery Regiment.



From 2004-2007, after deploying to Operation Iraqi Freedom, he attended the Signal Officer Advance Course at Fort Gordon, GA. He then served as a Battalion S-6 and Company Commander in the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, KY.

From 2007-2013, he served three consecutive special operation assignments with deployments to both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. He served as a Battalion S-6 with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) at Hunter Army Airfield, GA, then the Group S6 of 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), and the Regiment S6 with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, KY.

From 2013-2018, COL Brokhoff served at Human Resources Command, Fort Knox, KY, in the Officer Personnel Management Division as the joint account manager and the assignment officer for the School of Advanced Military Study, and an assignment officer managing Signal Major's. Upon completion of the Command and General Staff College, he served at Army Cyber Command as the Aide de Camp for the Commanding General at Fort Belvoir, VA. He then earned a Master's degree from The George Washington University in Cyber Security Strategy, Washington, DC.

From 2018-2020, following graduate school he worked as the operations officer on the Network Cross Functional Team, Army Futures Command. Then he was the Division Signal Officer, Assistant Chief of Staff, G6, in the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC. From 2020-2022, he worked in the Pentagon, in the Army Staff, G8, as the mission command analyst in Programs Analysis and Evaluation directorate. He then served on the Joint Staff as the Executive Communications Director for the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. COL Brokhoff served as a US Army War College Fellow at Duke University in the Sanford School of Public Policy and Counterterrorism.

COL Brokhoff has eight combat deployments supporting the Global War on Terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan serving in tactical divisions and Joint Special Operation Task Forces. His awards and decorations are commensurate with his time in service and include the Combat Action Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge.

Command History

The 516th Signal Brigade, assumed the former missions of the 1106th Signal Brigade and its battalions, which were discounted 15 October 1992. Today's brigade headquarters therefore traces its legacy in two directions: The 516th Signal Brigade was originally activated as the 3367th Signal Service Battalion on 25 November 1944 at New Guinea. The 1106th Signal Brigade was a successor to the United States Army Strategic Communications Command-Pacific, which was activated on 1 September 1964 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

During World War II, the original 516th (then the 3367th) earned battle streamers for the campaigns of New Guinea, Leyte, Southern Philippines, and Luzon, with another Streamer recognizing the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation. Following WWII, the 3367th Signal Service Battalion was redesignated as the 516th Signal Service Battalion in Guam. It was redesignated as the 516th Signal Group in Germany on 10 February 1954, deactivating there on 13 November 1967. Each of the 516th's Signal Battalions-- the 30th today located in Hawaii, 59th in Alaska, 78th in Japan, the 307th Expeditionary Signal Battalion located in Hawaii and Alaska, and the 58th (inactivated in Okinawa on 15 October 2012)-- also earned World War II battle streamers in their original incarnations.

The 30th, 59th, and 307th participated in the European Theater, while the 58th and 78th were in the Pacific Theater. The 1106th's other predecessor command, STRATCOM-PAC, had communications-electronics responsibilities during the 1960's and 1970's for the United States Army in Vietnam, Korea, Japan, Okinawa, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Thailand, as well as Hawaii--a geographical area spanning one-third of the earth's surface. During this period, more than 27,000 Soldiers and civilians were assigned to the command, with approximately 21,000 of them to STRATCOM-PAC's 1st Signal Brigade in Vietnam. Over the years, many reorganizations changed the command's missions and names. It became the 1106th Signal Brigade on 1 October 1989, eventually having four signal battalions in Alaska, Hawaii and Japan/Okinawa.

VOICE OF THE PACIFIC



Thank you for your presence in today's ceremony!

THE SIGNAL CORPS MARCH

From Flag And Torch In The Civil War,
To Signal Satellites Afar.
We Give Our Army The Voice To Give Command
On Battlefield Or Global Span.

In Combat We're Always In The Fight,
We Speed The Message Day Or Night.
Technicians Too, Ever Skillful, Ever Watchful,
We're The Army Signal Corps!



U.S. ARMY

THE ARMY SONG “The Army Goes Rolling Along”

Verse:

March Along, Sing Our Song,
With The Army Of The Free.
Count The Brave, Count The True,
Who Have Fought To Victory.
We're The Army And Proud Of Our Name!
We're The Army And Proudly Proclaim:

First Chorus:

First To Fight For The Right,
And To Build The Nation's Might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along.
Proud Of All We Have Done,
Fighting Till The Battle's Won,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along.

Refrain:

Then It's Hi! Hi! Hey!
The Army's On Its Way.
Count Off The Cadence Loud And Strong;
For Where E'er We Go, You Will Always Know
That The Army Goes Rolling Along.