

Colonel Carlos E. Gorbea assumed command of the 361st Civil Affairs Brigade (CA BDE) on 9 March 2020. The 361st CA BDE's mission is to mobilize, deploy, and conduct Civil Affairs Operations in support of 7th MSC, 21st TSC, V Corps and USAREUR/AF, to promote stability in Multi Domain Operations; be prepared to support Foreign Humanitarian Assistance (FHA), Civil Information Management (CIM), and provide ready and lethal Soldiers for other global force management requirements.

Colonel Gorbea commissioned into the Army Corps of Engineers through the Princeton University ROTC program in June 1998. His initial regular army assignments from Sapper Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer to Adjutant were with the 54th Engineer Battalion, in Bamberg Germany.

He joined the US Army Reserves (USAR) in 2004 serving as ROTC Assistant Professor for Military Science with the 8th Brigade, 98th Division (Institutional Training). He mobilized to a combat tour in Iraq as a Military Training Team Advisor for the 5th Division Iraqi Army in Kirkush and Fallujah, Iraq.

Colonel Gorbea joined the 7th ARCOM (Army Reserve Command) in 2006. He commanded the 345th Rear Area Operations Center (RAOC) and led its transformation to B Company, 457th Civil Affairs Battalion from 2008 to 2011. He then served as Joint Engineer Operations and Plans Officer at the US European Command (USEUCOM), Directorate of Logistics (J4), and managed over \$20M in Exercise Related Construction (ERC).

He returned to command the 457th Civil Affairs Battalion in Grafenwoehr, Germany from 2015-2017. He then served in US Southern Command J7/9 as Security Assistance Officer under the USAR Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) program. Most recently, Colonel Gorbea served as the 7th Army Training Command's, Deputy G3, Chief, Mobilization and Reserve Affairs (M&RA) overseeing Reserve and Guard integration in USAREUR exercises and advisory training missions to the countries of Ukraine and Georgia.

Colonel Gorbea is a licensed professional engineer with a Bachelor in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering from Princeton University, a Master of Science in Inter-American Defense and Security Studies from the Inter-American Defense College in Washington, DC, a Master in Business Administration from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and a Doctorate in Mechanical Engineering from the Technische Universität München. He formerly worked for BMW in the development of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles and has authored numerous academic articles on hybrid vehicle architecture.

His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, the Engineer Association De Fleury Medal, the Combat Action Badge and Parachutist Badge.

Colonel Gorbea was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He speaks Spanish, German, Portuguese, and Dutch. He currently lives in Gundelsheim, Germany (Landkreis Bamberg) with his wife Andrea Hermann, son Rafael (8) and daughter Estella (6).