



Colonel Nathan M. Swartz

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Colonel Nathan M. Swartz is the 32nd Commander of Tobyhanna Army Depot, the Defense Department's largest facility for the repair, overhaul and integration of Command, Control, Communications, Computer, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) systems. As commander of the Army installation's 3,800 personnel, his responsibilities include supporting global readiness for Army and Joint C4ISR operations.

He was commissioned as a quartermaster officer following completion of the Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Program in 1996. Swartz attended the Officer's Basic Course, Fort Lee, Virginia, prior to being assigned to the 1st Armored Division in Friedberg, Germany. While there he served as a platoon leader and company executive officer for Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (HHD) Company A, 501st Forward Support Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team. Two years later, Swartz moved to Bad Krueznach, Germany, where he served as the supply and service officer for the 1st Armored Division Support Command.



Swartz finished the Officer's Advanced Course, Fort Lee, Virginia, prior to being assigned to the 626th Forward Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade (Rakkasans), 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He served as the battalion operations officer during the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, and later deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as a member of Task Force Rakkasan and again for the initial invasion of Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Upon his return, Swartz took command of HHD Company A, 225th Forward Support Battalion, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. As commander, the company deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He later assumed the division-level maintenance officer position while at Schofield Barracks.

His first assignment as a field grade officer was as the logistics officer for the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas. Later, as support operation officer for the installation's 610th Brigade Support Battalion, Swartz deployed to Iraq with Task Force Dragon from January 2007 to April 2008.

Swartz later commanded the 703rd Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia. While there the battalion deployed to Afghanistan from March to November 2013.

Swartz accepted two broadening assignments as an assignment officer. His first tour was at the Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Virginia, and Fort Knox, Kentucky. His second tour was with the Colonels Management Office, Senior Leader Development in the Joint Forces Headquarters National Capital Region.

Swartz earned a master's degree in Business from the University of Kansas and National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University's Eisenhower School, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.

His military decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with four oak leaves, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaves, Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaves, and numerous overseas and operational campaign medals. Swartz is authorized to wear the Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and Rigger Badge.

