

COL Timothy R. Coffin
Deputy Commander for Operations
USASMDC/ARSTRAT



COL Timothy R. Coffin assumed duties as the deputy commander for Operations, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command (USASMDC/ARSTRAT) on March 7, 2011. Before his current assignment, Coffin served as the J3 and J7-director of Operations, Training and Exercises for the Joint Functional Component Command for Space, U.S. Strategic Command.

He received a four-year Army Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., where he was a distinguished military graduate. He was commissioned in December 1981 as a quartermaster officer. Upon completing Officer Basic Course, again as the distinguished graduate, he was assigned to the Army Special Operations Forces Europe located in Bad Toelz, Germany, where he served as the group supply maintenance officer and logistics plans officer from 1982 to 1985.

After returning to the United States, he completed Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course as the honor graduate. From 1985 to 1989 Coffin was assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as the deputy materials officer, the S-3 for the Armor Support Battalion, and then commander, 62nd Supply and Services Company, 554th Supply and Services Battalion, 13th Corps Support Command.

From 1989 to 1992 he served in Washington, D.C., first in the Army Secretariat as a recorder for Army promotion and selection boards, then on the Joint Staff under GEN Colin Powell as an intern in the J-4. From 1992 to 1993 he attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where he was selected to attend the School of Advanced Military Studies from 1993 to 1994. In 1994 he was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colo., as a division planner and then as executive officer for the 64th Forward Support Battalion supporting 3rd Brigade until 1996. His next assignment was at U.S. Space Command/North American Aerospace Defense Command where he served as an intelligence watch commander and then in the commander in chief's action group. In 1999, Coffin was assigned to Army Space Command where he served as the G-4 until his selection to stand up and command the 1st Space Battalion. Upon leaving command, he served on the Army staff, Objective Force Task Force as the space and aviation system integrator.

Upon completion of the Army War College, he went on to serve as the chief of the Space and Missile Defense Division for the Army deputy chief of staff on the Army staff. He also served as the director for Combat Developments in the Future Warfare Center, USASMDC/ARSTRAT, where he was responsible for establishing requirements; developing, integrating, and fielding future space and missile defense capabilities, doctrine, forces and equipment; and Army space training. From 2006 to 2008, COL Coffin served as commander of the 1st Space Brigade, USASMDC/ARSTRAT. In this position he was responsible for the supervision of three one-of-a-kind battalions with forces forward deployed at 14 locations in seven countries providing day-to-day space support to the operational Army.

Coffin's military education includes the Command and General Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College, School of Advanced Military Studies, the Army War College Advanced Strategic Arts Program, and the Seminar XXI program with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

His awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Joint Staff Identification Badge, Army Staff Badge, Air Force Master Space Badge, and U.S. and German Parachutist Badges.

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